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Hurd cuts through red tape

Britain gives lifeline to Bosnia victim

By Joel Brand in Sarajevo and Bill Frost

■ The battle to save a small girl severely wounded by shrapnel in Bosnia again exposes the UN's inability to defend the victims of Sarajevo

A DYING five-year-old Bosnian girl whose plight has touched millions of hearts arrived in Britain for emergency treatment last night after Douglas Hurd intervened to get her out of Sarajevo.

Irma Hadzimuratovic was taken to Great Ormond Street hospital where she is expected to undergo surgery for spinal, abdominal and head injuries caused by a Serb bombardment that killed her mother.

The foreign secretary stepped in to offer her a passage on an RAF Hercules transport plane after doctors in Sarajevo said they had no hope of saving her in the absence of basic medical supplies, electricity and running water. Yesterday morning she



Jaganjac: publicity was girl's only hope

was taken on an inflatable rubber stretcher from her hospital bed to the armoured ambulance that was to take her on the journey along "Sniper Alley" to the city's airport. Her distraught father and little sister looked on as Irma clung to the nurse who had tended her in Sarajevo's hard-pressed intensive care unit while her toys were loaded into the ambulance.

Once at the airport, UN troops trained their weapons on the perimeter fence as Irma was lifted aboard the Hercules that was to fly her through thunderstorms to Ancona in northern Italy, the staging post for aid to Bosnia. The RAF crew said the weather was so bad that the flight would normally have been cancelled, but they said they "had to give it a go".

From Ancona, the family was brought to London by Lear jet air ambulance which was ordered by doctors to fly 15,000 ft lower than it would usually have done. The pilot, Brian Thompson, said: "Given the nature of her injuries, they wanted cabin pressure to be as close to sea level as possible so her condition did not deteriorate. Two doctors and a nurse were looking after Irma throughout the journey. Obviously, she is in a very serious condition."

The doctors who travelled with Irma to Heathrow included Tony McDermott, a British specialist in traumatic injuries, and an anaesthetist. Dr McDermott said that Irma was unconscious and gravely ill, but added: "Working by candlelight, surgeons have worked wonders to repair the injuries and have completely rebuilt her bowel. She is an extremely sick little girl and we have to take a great deal of care in moving her by air."

On her arrival in London, Irma was taken to Great Ormond Street in a high-speed convoy of two ambulances, a car of paramedics and three police cars. Irma travelled in the first ambulance and her father, Ramiz, and sister Medina followed in the second.

A bed in one of the hospital's three intensive care units had been made ready for her and Dr McDermott, who carried out a series of tests on the flight, briefed doctors on her condition. She was then examined by Dr Cathy Wilkinson, a specialist in treating children with severe injuries.

Mr Hurd said yesterday that the government had cut through some of the formalities because Irma's case was so urgent: "The prime minister was very keen we should do that," he said. "Everybody's attention has been drawn to this particular tragedy. It's a particularly poignant one. Of course, that doesn't mean that by flying out this little girl we have saved other people or saved Sarajevo. But because you can't help everybody, doesn't mean you shouldn't help somebody."

But in Sarajevo, the surgeon who brought Irma's case into the world spotlight was critical of the UN's failure to react earlier. "It is the usual way for the UN," Dr Edo Jaganjac said. "It can be done in a couple of hours when it is necessary and they they come when it is too late. This time they were pushed to do this by the press. This child was not evacuated for humanitarian reasons, but because of the pressure of the media."

Dr Jaganjac had tried for six days to persuade the UN to move Irma out of the city before he begged journalists to make her case known to the world.

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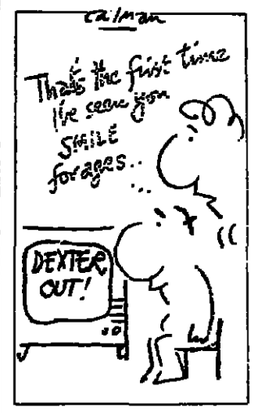
Comforting touch: a UN soldier helps to settle Irma Hadzimuratovic at the start of her journey to London

Spectators cheer as Dexter resigns

By Our Sports Staff

TED Dexter resigned yesterday as chairman of England's selectors, four years, 44 Tests and 21 defeats after taking up the post. His decision was announced shortly before England went down by eight wickets in the fifth Test match against Australia at Edgbaston and follows the departure of Graham Gooch as captain two weeks ago. England trail 4-0 in the series with one match remaining.

Dexter, 58, will stay until August 31, after the sixth and final Test match at the Oval. Cheers and applause greeted the announcement of his resignation to the Edgbaston crowd during the lunch interval.



Although it never attracted as much attention as his involvement with the full England team, Dexter's brief extended to other levels of national cricket. Yesterday he was watching an under-17 match in Manchester.

The speculators' early favourite to succeed him is M.J.K. Smith, the chairman of Warwickshire and a man with time to devote to the cause. Other contenders are Micky Stewart, the former England manager, and Ossie Wheatley, a senior administrator.

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Shares rise as economy strengthens

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

SHARE prices jumped to another all-time high yesterday, buoyed by accumulating evidence that Britain is seeing a well-balanced recovery with healthy exports, a revival of consumer demand and low inflation.

With an optimistic head of steam already in place amid expectations of lower interest rates around Europe after the virtual suspension of the exchange-rate mechanism, investors were further encouraged by news that consumers have started to borrow more and that inflationary pressures remain subdued.

The Bank of England said that British companies were far better placed now to take advantage of the recovery than they were after the recession of the early 1980s, and Richard Jeffrey, chief economist at Charterhouse Tilney, said: "We are clearly enjoying an extremely well-balanced recovery. The best thing for the government to do would be nothing."

Mr Jeffrey opposes tax increases in the autumn budget because they might destabilise the recovery. He also rejects arguments for lower interest rates on the grounds that they may not be translated into significantly lower mortgage rates. There is an increasing body of opinion in the City which argues that stronger-than-expected growth in the economy weakens the case for autumn tax increases and that it might be clearer in a year's time that a large proportion of the deficit was due to the economic downturn and will be reversed as the economy recovers.

The Central Statistical Office reported yesterday that net credit taken out by consumers jumped by £213 million in June, double the increase seen in May. This was welcomed by the Treasury as another sign of rising consumer confidence.

The CSO also reported a tailing off of import price increases last month but a small rise in the prices charged by manufacturers for their goods. This was good news for the stock market, providing evidence that demand for British goods is now enough to allow manufacturers to pass on some of their higher costs.

There is some concern that yesterday's figures signal a modest building of inflationary pressures but the FTSE 100 index closed 16.6 higher to close at a record 2,986.4.

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Kohl currency retreat

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, yesterday admitted that the Maastricht target for a single European currency by 1999 was in jeopardy but said that the political union of Europe was the most crucial aim of all. "War in Europe can only be avoided through European union.".....Page 19

Police to shame drivers who drink

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

MOTORISTS arrested for drink-driving will have their fingerprints and photographs taken from next year so that they effectively gain a criminal record, if plans being circulated by chief constables are approved.

Senior officers have agreed to put drivers through the humiliating experience to shame them into realising that they are breaking the law just like profesional criminals.

The records will be destroyed if the driver is subsequently acquitted. If he is found guilty, they will be passed to central criminal records at Scotland Yard and kept in the same way as any other conviction.

Although the driver will effectively have a criminal record, drink-driving will still not be a "criminal offence" technically and the driver will not have to declare it in cases such as job applications or jury service. In 1991, 100,000 drivers were found guilty of drink-driving offences and 4,300 received jail sentences.

Yesterday Chief Inspector Graham Glazier, speaking on behalf of David Williams, the chief constable of Surrey and chairman of the traffic committee run by the Association of Chief Police Officers, said: "Most people would agree that drink-driving is a serious offence and should be treated as such. The idea of having a photograph and fingerprints taken in a police station serves as a real reminder that a drink-driver is a law-breaker."

World Cup plans a musical score draw

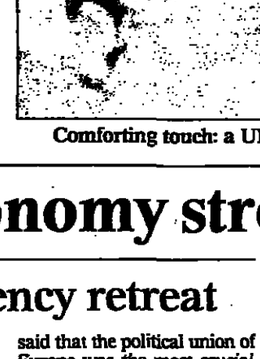
By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

PAVAROTTI'S emotional and chart-topping rendition of *Nessun Dorma* may have brought tears to the eyes of many a television football fan in the last World Cup in Italy; even Paul Gascoigne is best remembered for his lacrimose response to events on the field. Should England make it to America next year, the wayward Geordie may find the music more to his liking.

PolyGram, the global music and entertainment company, yesterday announced a ground-breaking deal with the American organisers of next year's "show" promising three huge music concerts, a World Cup compilation album and several video collections. The multi-million, multi-media "entertainment package" will centre on the concerts in December this year, June 1994 as the games open, and in July 1994.

The likes of U2, Madonna, Elton John, Michael Jackson and Pavarotti again are likely to make the concerts rivals to any international showbiz event yet seen.

World Cup organisers have also sold exclusive television rights for the draw for the tournament to PolyGram, the first time television rights to the draw have been sold, and 750 million people are expected to watch the event — a 90-minute mixture of entertainment and soccer — at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas on December 19. Officials gave no figures for the deal with World Cup organisers, which will also include video rights. "It will be more or less a joint venture with the organisers, and their share of the profits will be more than just a royalty basis," an official said.



Pavarotti: an opera winner in Italy '90

The company will distribute television pictures — "as an accompaniment to the games" — live throughout the world. But Stewart Till, president of PolyGram International film and entertainment, said that neither BBC nor ITV networks would have automatic access to the concerts in Britain: bidding for the events will be open to satellite channels as well.

PolyGram will oversee the recording of the official "World Cup USA 1994 theme". The British rock singer Sting is reported to be the favourite to record it. Whoever does get the fans singing will no doubt be crying all the way to the bank.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya 'willing to pay Lockerbie families'

A senior Libyan official said yesterday that his country was willing to compensate families whose relatives died in explosions involving a Pan Am airliner over Lockerbie, Dumfries and Galloway, and a French jet in Niger.

The remarks by Libya's delegate to the Arab League come days before the UN Security Council is to review sanctions imposed in April 1992. The council ordered an air, arms and diplomatic embargo against Libya after it refused to hand over two Libyans indicted in the United States and Britain in the 1988 bombing over Lockerbie, which killed 270 people.

Ibrahim al-Beshari told Egypt's state-run news agency that Tripoli had made tangible steps toward satisfying UN demands. He did not elaborate and could not be reached at the embassy or his home for further comment. French authorities want to question four people, including the brother-in-law of the Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, about the 1989 bombing of a French UTA airliner over Niger that killed 170 people.

UFF kill councillor's son

Sinn Fein accused the RUC of withholding firearms certificates from its members after the murder of the son of a Belfast city councillor on Sunday night. Sean Lavery, 21, the son of Bobby Lavery, a Sinn Fein member, was shot at the family home by two members of the Loyalist Ulster Freedom Fighters. Richard McCauley, a Sinn Fein spokesman, said applications by his party's councillors for personal protection weapons had all been turned down while Unionist politicians had been granted certificates.

Sacked doctor appeals

A hospital consultant who claimed she was sacked because she had had an affair with her chief executive has appealed against the decision. Dr Helena Daly, 41, was dismissed last month from her £50,000-a-year post as a consultant haematologist at Truro's Treliske Hospital, by the Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust. She was said to be bossy and aggressive.

Mother fights on

The mother of a girl, 14, who said she was raped in a park in Cardiff is threatening to take out a private prosecution after police refused to charge the teenage suspect. Detectives have dismissed rape after questioning an 18-year-old, but say he may be taken to court on other charges. "I believe my daughter 100 per cent," said the mother.

Police hold 55 in raids

Lancashire police arrested 55 suspected burglars in raids early yesterday. Almost 200 officers took part in Operation Castle ordered by the chief constable after the burglary rate in the county had risen to one every two hours. Among items recovered were cannabis resin and plants, amphetamines, balaclava masks, replica firearms and knives.

Tiger bites woman



Louise Aspinall, 30, daughter-in-law of John Aspinall, the zoo owner (left), was bitten on the neck by a year-old tiger while playing with two of them at his zoo near Canterbury, Kent, on Sunday. Dr Robert Luke, 34, a dentist who was visiting the zoo, said that blood was pouring from the open wound. A Howlett's zoo spokesman said yesterday: "Louise needed a few stitches, but she is OK now."

Man 'clubbed pusher'

A man threatened to throw a suspected drugs pusher over a cliff before he clubbed him unconscious, Teesside Crown Court was told. Michael Roberts, 27, of Murton, co. Durham, who denies kidnapping, false imprisonment and assault, believed the 18-year-old had supplied LSD to his girl friend's son. The trial continues.

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SIMON WALKER

At prayer: pupils at the Hermitage First School in Woking, Surrey, bow their heads at morning assembly yesterday

Scientists debate ethics of wiping out world's most deadly virus

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

The last traces of smallpox, which killed millions of people, are being kept frozen in two laboratories as researchers ponder whether the virus should be destroyed or studied to learn more about Aids

SCIENTISTS meeting this week in Glasgow will debate whether to destroy the last traces of the worst killer of all time, the smallpox virus, or whether to keep the germ alive under laboratory conditions in the hope that further research might throw light on diseases such as Aids.

The organism that killed millions of people over 3,000 years survives only in two laboratories, in Atlanta, Georgia, and Moscow. Frozen specimens from human patients, preserved at -170deg C and kept under lock and key, are all that is left of the killer that first appeared in Chinese records in 1122 BC, and once killed one in 12 people in Britain.

The specimens were to have been destroyed this year, after the completion of work on the genetic structure of the virus by US and Russian scientists. But some scientists are hesitant, arguing that work on the virus could provide new information about other viral diseases.

There is also the ethical issue of whether man has the right to destroy any living organism, even one so horrible in its effects as the smallpox virus.

This Wednesday's discussion at the ninth International Congress of Virology in Glasgow will be chaired by Dr Brian Mahy, of the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, which is one of the virus's last refuges.

Despite work at the laboratory that promises to shed light on human genes, or even provide a way of destroying cancer cells, he favours destroying the remaining stocks. "We keep the actual infectious virus, scabs from people who died. These are extremely infectious and would cause considerable risk to the population if they were ever freed," Dr Mahy said.

"If you had one container with all the HIV [the Aids virus] in the world, and the chance to destroy it, I think I know what the answer would be. This is the first microbial pathogen that we have the opportunity to eradicate completely from the globe."

The samples were preserved after the World Health Organisation declared smallpox eradicated on May 8, 1980, in part because of fears that the virus might be used as a germ warfare weapon. Britain's stocks were destroyed after an accident at a Birmingham laboratory led to the death in 1978 of Janet Parker, a medical photographer and the last person to die from the disease.

The last person to catch it in the conventional way was Ali Mao Moallin, a Somali cook who was helping in the campaign to stamp out the disease. Astonishingly, he had not been vaccinated and caught the disease late in 1977 from a brief exposure.

Smallpox has one great weakness, which has allowed its eradication: it has no animal host. Russians have dug up bodies of smallpox victims buried in the permafrost in the search for possible reservoirs of the virus. So far, they have been unsuccessful.

Any of smallpox's victims would have no doubt that the virus should be destroyed, but not all scientists are convinced. Dr Richard Elliott, senior fellow at the Institute of Virology at Glasgow University, is also expected to speak in the debate. "It gets complex: there's an argument that we should destroy not just the virus but all the DNA, too," he has said.

"The major argument is this: it is a killer disease of humans that is now eradicated in nature, so there's a possible way back if it is held. Yet, there is the research. I don't know what the answer will be."

Blueprint ordered for lessons on religion

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION REPORTER

THE first national blueprint for religious education lessons will be drawn up to rescue the subject in state schools, the government announced yesterday.

Baroness Blatch, the education minister, asked curriculum advisers to produce model syllabuses next summer after consultation with representatives of the main Christian faiths and Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Buddhists and Sikhs.

The move follows national debate about the moral values of young people. At present, the content of RE lessons is determined locally by church, school and council representatives. But ministers decided they needed firm guidance after school inspectors found that many syllabuses were too vague and had not been updated since the 1988 Education Reform Act required lessons to reflect Britain's mainly Christian tradition.

Lady Blatch, in a letter to Sir Ron Dearing, chairman-designate of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said: "I know you share my concern to rescue religious education from the poor status it too often holds in non-denominational schools.

"Too often religious education is the poor relation of the secular curriculum in schools." Model syllabuses would help set a higher standard by setting out clearly what pupils should study and be expected to achieve, and illustrate how they could gain an understanding both of Christianity as an important part of our cultural heritage and of the other principal religions represented in the country."

Local committees would then use the blueprint as a framework for discussion as they established syllabuses in each area.

Sir Ron said he was delighted that the curriculum advisers had been asked to build on previous "high quality work" by developing model syllabuses. Christian groups to be consulted will include the Church of England, Roman Catholics, Methodists, the United Reform Church, Evangelicals, Quakers, Baptists and Afro and Afro-Caribbean churches.

Heseltine planning contest for funds

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

A POLITICAL dispute is brewing over proposals by Michael Heseltine to have councils compete for money allocated to Britain's run-down industrial areas by the European Community.

Convalescing from a heart attack, the President of the Board of Trade has indicated that he is ready to return to the fray, urging his cabinet colleagues to back a "regional challenge" contest for funds soon to be earmarked by Brussels. It would be similar to the competition introduced by Mr Heseltine at the environment department allowing cities to compete for urban regeneration funds.

The scheme, yet to be agreed, is already meeting Labour protests that it will lead to "political manipulation", with money going to Tory areas.

The total sum to be allocated by the European Commission is thought to be about £850 million.

National governments determine which areas qualify as areas of industrial decline. Mr Heseltine is understood to be pressing for a change in the rules to enable competition for a portion of the money. Labour claims to have learnt from commission sources that up to 50 per cent of the funds could be decided by competition. It said that some needy areas would not get the money to which they were entitled.

Derek Fatchett, Labour's industry spokesman, said yesterday: "The government could use the money to help their friends and disqualify those areas which may not be Conservative but qualify under other criteria for aid."

Mr Heseltine may throw the contest open to training and enterprise councils and chambers of commerce. The Department of Trade and Industry said last night that "regional challenge" was among the ideas being considered and that no decisions had yet been taken.

Aids expert predicts 6 million more deaths by end of century

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AN effective vaccine against Aids is still years away and the disease will claim the lives of a further six million people by the end of the century, the executive director of the World Health Organisation's programme on Aids told a Glasgow conference yesterday.

Dr Michael Merson said that Aids was already devastating some societies but that the worst is still to come. In the 12 years since Aids was first recognised more than 2.5 million cases have occured, over 70 per cent of them in sub-Saharan Africa, he told the International Congress on Virology in Glasgow.

A further 13 million adults and adolescents and one million infants have the HIV virus. "The total figure of 14 million cumulative infections could almost triple by the end of this decade," he said.

Sexual transmission accounts for around 75 per cent of the spread of the disease, with heterosexual transmission continuing to increase. Five out of every 11 adults now being infected are women and by 1995 the number of new infections will be spread equally between the sexes.

Aids and HIV infection have reached pandemic proportions in Africa and south east Asia. In seven US cities, including New York and San Francisco, Aids is now the leading cause of death among men and women aged between 25 and 44.

Dr Merson said the debate about whether HIV causes Aids was pointless and unhelpful. "Today there is no question that people with Aids are people who are infected with HIV. The second certainty is that HIV spreads mainly through sexual intercourse. Continuing to doubt that HIV infection is the cause of Aids or that it spreads through sexual intercourse, homosexual and heterosexual, feeds the denial and complacency that have hampered our global efforts."



Merson: believes worst is yet to come

Ministers worried by Treasury cuts

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, and Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, have warned the Treasury of drastic losses of teaching and health service jobs if draft proposals for a severe cut in local authority spending are put into effect, it was disclosed yesterday.

A Treasury plan to cut £700 million from the level required to protect services at their present level has been accepted by the environment department in the early stages of Michael Portillo's annual review of expenditure, it was revealed. At the same time, the department has indicated its willingness to accept an early end to the transitional relief scheme that has kept council tax bills at a politically acceptable level during its introduction, a document leaked to the Labour party suggests.

The disclosures, confirming the expected toughness of the spending negotiations as Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Mr Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, battle to cut the projected £50 billion budget deficit, came in a letter sent before the May cabinet reshuffle by Michael Howard, then environment secretary, to Mr Portillo.

In it Mr Howard tells Mr Portillo that he can "live with" the option for a 3.5 per cent increase in council spending, even though he says that a 5.2 per cent rise would be needed to protect services.

Mr Howard warns "most strongly" against two more severe options suggested by the Treasury, one for a 1 per cent increase in council spending, the other for a 1.5 per cent reduction. Mr Howard said Mr Patten considered that an increase of only 1 per cent would mean 4,300 fewer teachers at a time when pupil numbers were growing; a 1.5 per cent reduction would mean a reduction of 19,300.

He added that Mrs Bottomley estimated that a 1 per cent increase could mean the loss of 6,000 home helps, more than 3,000 social workers, 3.5 million meals on wheels, 11,000 residential-care places and 4,000 day-care places.

The letter was leaked to Stephen Byers, Labour MP for Wallsend. He said that acceptance of the Treasury option of a 3.5 per cent increase would, on the government's own admission, lead to a shortfall of £700 million in budgets and cuts in services for the most vulnerable members of society.

"There can be no guarantee that if the pressure grows for cuts, the Treasury will not press for one of its tougher options," he said.

Right wing urges Major to tax child benefit

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major was urged by right-wing backbenchers yesterday to tax child benefit paid to wealthy families.

The day after the prime minister had again questioned the future of universal benefits, David Shaw, MP for Dover, called on him to tackle the benefit that is paid to 6,895,000 mothers for 12,485,000 children at an annual cost of £5,767 billion.

Mr Shaw, backing Mr Major's call for better targeting of benefits, said that child benefit was received by everyone whether they were millionaires or in poverty. "I'm suggesting that child benefit should stay but that we should tax it on those who are better off. I'm suggesting that other benefits should be much more closely targeted than they have been on the needy."

Mr Shaw may well have hit upon the only option speedily available to the government to cut the massive child benefit bill. The benefit is £10 a week for the eldest child and £8.10 for others.

As they wrestle with the ever-growing social security programme, many Tory MPs and ministers are regreting the categorical terms of the manifesto on which they were elected only 16 months ago. This stated that the value of child benefit "will increase each year in line with prices" and that it would continue to be paid to all families in respect of all children.

Most Tory MPs agree that a substantial retreat from this pledge would provoke a row that might dwarf the furore over the imposition of VAT on fuel bills. Even so, the pressure for reform is growing and there is strong support among Tory MPs for a review of child benefit leading to longer-term changes.

Among the options are:

☐ Deciding not to uprate the benefit in line with inflation. This happened during the early part of the 1987-92 government under Baroness Thatcher but Mr Major restored the link. The manifesto clearly precludes such a change this side of an election

☐ Making the benefit payable only for the first child. Again, this would breach the manifesto

☐ Reducing the value of the benefit paid to second, third and subsequent children. This would not conform with the spirit of the manifesto, but some MPs believe the government could get it through

☐ Ending the universal principle and paying the benefit only to needy families. This is the longer-term aim of many Tories, but out of the question before a general election

☐ Taxation. This would allow the government to retain the universal principle while reclaiming much of the cost from the better-off. There are obstacles: the government would have to find a way of collecting tax from, for example, a non-working wife of a wealthy man. Ministers do not regard this as an insurmountable hurdle and are deliberately leaving open the taxation option.

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Monk jailed for sex assaults on nine children in his care

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MONK who once ran a Catholic home for disturbed boys was jailed yesterday for seven years for sexual assaults on a number of youngsters in his care.

Brother James Garragher, 52, admitted 12 charges of sexual and indecent assault on nine boys at the St William's Roman Catholic Community Home at Market Weighton, Humberside, between 1973 and 1980.

Hull Crown Court was told that, as principal of the Church-run approved school, Garragher gained the trust of the boys, all aged under 16, only to put them through a series of assaults.

Judge Bullimore told Garragher, a member of the religious order of De La Salle, that he would serve at least half to two thirds of his sentence before being released on licence. He said Garragher had brought disgrace on himself and on his order and shocked the people who had respected and trusted him.

The court was told how Garragher would invite boys to late-night swimming sessions and molest them; he would also tell them to come to his quarters at the home and would even visit their bedrooms.

Rodney Ferm, for the prosecution, said: "It happened so regularly that the boys thought it was all right, but some became depressed and one slashed his wrists as a direct result of the accused's conduct."

Mr Ferm told the court that Garragher joined the home in 1969 as a teacher and rose through the ranks to become principal.

Mr Ferm said that when boys tried to tell the authorities that they were being indecently assaulted nobody believed them. "All through that time there was no police involvement. Many boys didn't bother to complain and those who did found their complaints found no credence."

Between July 1972 and August 1980, he committed sex offences on nine boys aged between 13 and 16 years. One boy, sent to St Williams by the local authority after being sexually abused in another home when he was six, found himself subjected to fresh ordeals, this time by Garragher.

Mr Ferm said: "The accused was a teacher then and the boy liked him. But nevertheless between 1972 and 1974 he was quite regularly abused."

Mr Ferm said that after trying to run away, the victim tried to take his own life in 1990 by slashing his wrists and swallowing a razor blade. He eventually spent some time in De La Pole mental hospital near Hull to get over the trauma.

Garragher's offending stopped in 1980 and he left the home in 1990 to do voluntary work with the poor and ill in Liverpool and Oxford. He also worked for a charity in Africa.

When he was finally arrested last year, after a police enquiry, Garragher confessed to his sex offences, the court was told. The prosecution offered no evidence on several alleged offences to which Garragher pleaded not guilty.

Ian Harris, for the defence, said Garragher admitted his crimes were "scandalous and disgraceful".

Judge Bullimore, in sentencing, said: "I have to deal with you on the basis that, for a decade, you were in the company of vulnerable young boys. You had a position of power and influence. What you have done must result in long sentence."

Couple's 13-hour row ends in jail

BY RICHARD DUCE

A COUPLE who failed to honour a courtroom promise to curb their frequent rows were yesterday jailed for a domestic battle that lasted 13 hours.

The patience of neighbours and a County Court judge was stretched to breaking point by a marathon argument between William and Elizabeth Greechan that could be heard 600 yards away.

Judge Langan, who three months ago passed a suspended prison sentence on the couple, yesterday jailed them for 14 days. He told the couple, who live in a one-bedroom council flat in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk: "It is not pleasant to send you to prison, but the end of the road has been reached."

Last night all was quiet in Nuffield Close, Gorleston, as Mr Greechan, 60, and his wife, 56, began their sentences at jails 100 miles apart.

The original Lowestoft County Court case was brought by Yarmouth Borough Council after neighbours complained of blazing rows between the Scottish-born couple. The judge had warned them that they faced jail if they breached his suspended sentence order.

But police had to be called in on July 5 during a row described as "loud, aggressive and terrifying" that went on from midday until 1am the following day.

Mrs Greechan admitted there was an argument but claimed it lasted for only about 15 minutes. She denied having been drunk, saying: "We did have a tin of lager, that was all."

The judge said she was "putting up a smokescreen" to try to avoid jail.

Ray Smith, counsel for the couple, said they were terrified of going to prison. They had kept the peace for several weeks following the May hearing by going into separate rooms when they felt an argument brewing.

After the hearing Chris Skinner, solicitor for Yarmouth council, said: "We are obviously sad to see them go to prison but I don't think there was any other option."



TONY WHITE

Long to rain over us: after a disappointing weekend, the queues of tourists hoping to visit Buckingham Palace lengthened yesterday

High price and long queues cut palace takings

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AFTER a slow weekend start, business at Buckingham Palace showed distinct signs of picking up yesterday, with 5,734 paying visitors admitted to the state apartments and a disappointed few turned away.

Palace officials said the relatively poor turnout at the weekend was because people feared long queues, which did not materialise. Problems have arisen because of delays at the three security channels at Ambassadors' Entrance, with many tourists arriving with rucksacks and heavy luggage that has to be searched and placed in a cloakroom.

Also, visitors are lingering longer than the expected 45 minutes. The palace had calculated that it could cope with 8,000 visitors a day at 1,000 an hour, but that proved optimistic.

There is disappointment that the queues are not longer. "People have heeded our warnings that the first day or two would be chaotic," a palace spokeswoman said. But there has clearly also been a degree of resistance, partly at the £8 fee, partly at the realisation that the apartments are less enticing to children than Madame Tussaud's and partly at the lack of certainty of getting in.

On Saturday, the first day of public opening, 4,314 visitors were admitted. By Sunday the queues began to swell and 5,202 were admitted, including pre-booked parties, before several hundred hopefuls were turned away.

The palace insists that its projected figure was merely the maximum it felt it could cope with. There is worry, however, that a failure to meet targets may jeopardise the restoration of Windsor Castle. About 70 per cent of the cost of repairing the fire damage has to come from tourist revenue and it had been hoped that palace gate money would raise about £3 million a year over the next five years.

The slow start has been offset by the unexpected success of the souvenir shop, which took £71,000 in its first two days, the equivalent of nearly 9,000 full-price admission tickets.

Hunted man wept to friend

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MAN being hunted for allegedly imprisoning and raping two schoolgirls wept when he met a friend just hours after the attacks.

Detectives disclosed yesterday that Peter Tobin was very distressed when he talked with his friend a few hours after alledgely raping the girls last Thursday.

Mr Tobin, who was aware that the police wanted to interview him in connection with the alleged incidents, was last seen by his friend walking in the direction of Brighton railway station, East Sussex, at midday on the same day.

The friend realised that Mr Tobin was the wanted man after news of the rapes of the girls aged 14 and 15 at Havant, Hampshire, was released the following day.

Det Chief Insp Nick Imber, leading the hunt, said detectives had named Mr Tobin because they were desperate to trace him because of the seriousness of the allegations against him and a fear that he may have struck again or commited suicide.

Police have interviewed the 15-year-old girl on tape and officers from a child unit and the social services were hoping to coax an interview from the 14-year-old girl yesterday.

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MPs review prisoners' leave

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

HOME leave for prisoners is under review after serious concern among ministers at the number who fail to return and public disquiet over cases where inmates have committed further crimes.

A Whitehall committee is to hold a meeting next month to review the working of home leave to ensure it operates without "comprising the need to maintain security and public safety".

Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, said yesterday that he expected the guidelines would be changed. But he said the prison service had a responsibility to try and ensure that prisoners were returned to the community at the end of their sentences with the best chance of returning to normal home life. Last year 2,301 prisoners failed to return after home leave. There are between 30,000 and 40,000 home-leave visits every year.

MPs yesterday demanded a tightening of procedures surrounding home leave after a rapist jailed for 14 years for a series of sexual attacks on a 14-year-old girl was allowed to spend weekends near his victim's home.

Tony Jones, 32, has been released from Leyhill prison, near Bristol, to spend weekends with an aunt just a few miles from his victim's home in Dyfed, south Wales. He was jailed at Swansea Crown Court in 1988 but less than five years later has been spending weekends at a bungalow near a seaside caravan park at Burry Port. Under prison-service rules Mr Jones, a category D prisoner, first became eligible for home leave in April. A spokesman for the prison service said that a full report had been prepared before he was released including identifying a suitable place for him to stay and ensuring that he did not come into contact with his former victim.

"Jones is now on his third period of home leave and on each occasion the victim's family, the local police and all the appropriate authorities have been advised," a prison service spokesman said.But the girl, now aged 18, said she could not believe he had been allowed out so early.

Sir Ivan Lawrence QC, chairman of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, said: "This kind of thing makes people very angry and gives the impression we do care more about the criminal offender than we do about the innocent victim."

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Philips Electronics N.V.

Philips Group

Half-Yearly Statement to 30th June 1993

REPORT ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PHILIPS GROUP

Sales in the first six months of 1993 decreased by 2% to f 27,242 million. On a comparable basis, after adjusting for the effects of changes in consolidations and exchange rate movements, sales were unchanged from those in the first half of 1992. Sales and income from operations (f 1,045 million or 3.8% of sales) continue to be affected by the ongoing poor economic conditions in Europe.
Net income from normal business operations amounted to f 220 million as compared with f 241 million in the corresponding period in 1992. In addition, extraordinary income of f 1,100 million was recorded in connection with the sale of Philips' 35% interest in Matsushita Electronics Corporation (MEC) Japan. Total net income in the first six months of 1993 came to f 1,320 million, compared with f 241 million in the same period last year.
Effective asset management yielded a financing surplus of f 1.7 billion. This, together with the f 3 billion proceeds from the sale of our interest in MEC which has already been widely reported upon, generated a total financing surplus of f 4.7 billion in the first half year. In the corresponding period of 1992 there was a deficit of f 1.8 billion. The major part of the surplus in the reporting period has been used to repay interest-bearing debt and conversion certificates. An amount of approximately half a billion guilders has been temporarily invested in time deposits.
The capital structure has been strengthened. The debt-to-group equity ratio improved from 61:39 as at December 31, 1992 to 53:47 at the end of June 1993.
Trend per product sector
The comparable sales growth in the *Lighting* sector was 2%.
Income from operations increased from f 488 million or 12.2% of deliveries to f 496 million or 12.4%. Lower income in Europe was offset by increases in Asia and Latin America.
In the *Consumer Electronics* sector sales fell due to declining markets and price erosion in Europe. The lower sales in Europe were partly compensated by higher sales in other parts of the world.
The Consumer Electronics sector is still in a loss situation (f 150 million) albeit at a slightly lower level than in the same period last year (f 177 million). Cost reductions, the discontinuation of the personal computer business and the closedown of the magnetic tape production of PD Magnetics had a positive effect on income.
Sales in the *Other Consumer Products* sector rose by 6%, mainly due to higher sales of PolyGram.
Income from operations amounted to f 357 million compared with f 347 million last year. A strong improvement in the operating income of PolyGram was offset by higher development costs for CD-I software. The income from operations of Domestic Appliances and Personal Care was satisfactory and virtually unchanged from the first six months of 1992.
The sales increase of 10% in the *Components and Semiconductors* sector was mainly due to the strong growth of Semi-conductors.
Income from operations increased from f 275 million or 5.0% of deliveries to f 474 million or 10.1%. The improvement was largely attributable to Semiconductors. The Components division also showed a favorable trend, even after absorbing higher start-up costs for active matrix Liquid-Crystal Display (LCD).
Sales in the *Professional Products and Systems* sector fell by 6%. However, Medical Systems showed an increase.
Income from operations amounted to f 55 million, or 1.2% of deliveries while in the corresponding period in 1992 operating income was f 295 million or 6.0%. The deterioration is entirely attributable to Communication Systems due to weak sales and price erosion; steps are being taken to restructure this business. In Medical Systems operating income improved.
The *Miscellaneous* sector realized 5% sales growth.
Income from operations increased from f 134 million or 5.6% of deliveries to f 144 million or 6.7%.
The deviation in "costs and revenues not allocated" arises from the realization, in 1992, of substantial profits from the sale of fixed assets and from certain other gains recorded under this heading.
Asset Management
The positive effects of asset management are particularly reflected in lower working capital. Inventories fell from 21.0% to the present level of 20.1% of sales. Outstanding trade receivables fell from 2.2 to 1.8 months at the end of June 1993.
Personnel
Disregarding consolidation changes the number of employees was reduced by 5,800 in the first half year.
Outlook
Due to the continuing uncertain economic situation, notably in Europe, we refrain from making predictions about sales and income for the whole year 1993.

Philips Electronics N.V.
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT
August 5, 1993

STATEMENTS OF INCOME

Amounts in millions of guilders	2nd quarter 1993	2nd quarter 1992	Jan to June 1993	Jan to June 1992
Net sales	13,491	13,665	27,242	27,723
Income from operations	485	626	1,045	1,272
Financial income and expenses	(278)	(411)	(838)	(717)
Income before taxes	207	215	487	555
Income taxes	(39)	(84)	(81)	(214)
Income after taxes	168	131	326	341
Equity in income of unconsolidated companies	7	1	17	15
Share of other group equity in group income	(58)	(53)	(123)	(115)
Net income from normal business operations	117	79	220	241
Extraordinary items – net	1,100	–	1,100	–
Net income	1,217	79	1,320	241
Net income from normal business operations per common share, par value f 10 (in guilders)	0.37	0.25	0.70	0.78
Net income per common share, par value f 10 (in guilders)	3.86	0.25	4.19	0.78

BALANCE SHEETS, CASH FLOWS AND EMPLOYEES

Amounts in millions of guilders

Consolidated balance sheets	June 30 1993	December 31 1992
Fixed assets	19,174	20,822
Inventories	11,656	10,499
Receivables	14,445	15,867
Liquid assets (incl. marketable securities)	2,192	1,658
Total assets	47,467	48,846
Stockholders' equity	10,618	9,071
Other group equity	1,356	1,830
Group equity	11,974	10,901
Provisions	9,553	9,246
Long-term debt	9,276	10,022
Short-term debt	4,143	5,742
Other current liabilities	12,521	11,935
Total equity and liabilities	47,467	48,846

Consolidated statements of cash flows	January to June 1993	1992
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	1,320	241
depreciation	1,572	1,658
decrease (increase) in working capital	1,163	(1,688)
decrease in provisions	(209)	(209)
other changes	(992)	(14)
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	2,854	(2)
Net cash generated by (required for) investing activities	1,847	(1,786)
Financing surplus (deficit)	4,701	(1,788)
Number of employees at end of June (comparable figure on 1.1.1993 : 259,800)	254,000	258,500

PRODUCT SECTORS

SALES

Amounts in millions of guilders

	January to June 1993 sales	1993 % growth nominal	1993 % growth comparable*	January to June 1992 sales	1992 % growth nominal	1992 % growth comparable*
Lighting	3,875	3	2	3,760	6	6
Consumer Products:						
Consumer Electronics	9,686	(4)	(3)	9,996	32**	1
Other Consumer Products	4,833	4	8	4,662	12	6
Components and Semiconductors	3,368	5	10	3,221	(20)	(9)
Professional Products and Systems	4,378	(10)	(6)	4,836	(16)	4
Miscellaneous	1,183	(5)	5	1,248	12	8
Total	27,242	(2)	0	27,723	6	2

* Adjusted to take account of the effect of exchange rate movements and changes in consolidations
** Includes the consolidation of Grundig.

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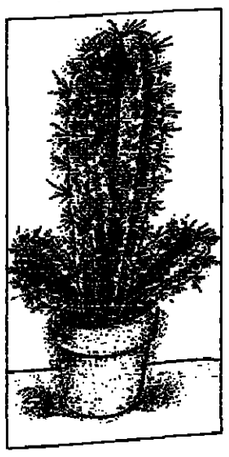
	January to June 1993 deliveries	1993 income (loss) from operations	1993 as a % of deliveries	January to June 1992 deliveries	1992 income (loss) from operations	1992 as a % of deliveries
Lighting	3,932	488	12.4	3,824	468	12.2
Consumer Products:						
Consumer Electronics	9,913	(150)	(1.5)	10,215	(177)	(1.7)
Other Consumer Products	4,863	357	7.3	4,656	347	7.4
Components and Semiconductors	4,671	474	10.1	4,549	275	6.0
Professional Products and Systems	4,461	55	1.2	4,822	295	6.0
Miscellaneous	2,139	144	6.7	2,403	134	5.6
Costs and revenues not allocated		(321)			(70)	
Total	29,979	1,845		30,579	1,272	
Internal deliveries	(2,737)			(2,856)		
Net sales	27,242			27,723		
Income from operations as a % of net sales		6.8			4.6	

PHILIPS

THIS WEEKEND

Mole at 23¾

ADVANCED in years if not in wisdom, Adrian Mole confides his anguish, his love and his problems with the



sink plunger to the pages of his diary. This Saturday, Weekend publishes the first instalment of perhaps the funniest book of 1993, Sue Townsend's The Wilderness Years

Judge attacks remand centre for lack of sports field

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

A REMAND centre damaged in a riot does not have enough facilities for young unconvicted prisoners, many of whom are are hundreds of miles from their families, Judge Stephen Tumim says in a report today.

The chief inspector of prisons says that it is indefensible to detain men aged 17-21 at the Reading centre because there are not enough activities to absorb their energies. He criticises staff for being reluctant to encourage inmates to take part in recreational activities.

Parts of the building were damaged during a riot on Boxing day, resulting in 23 inmates facing charges of prison mutiny. Judge Tumim's report says: "Reading suffers from a shortage of physical resources, especially outdoor activities. It is indefensible that young men between the ages of 17-20 should be held in an establishment which has neither a sports field nor an all-weather surface upon which sports and games can safely be played."



Tumim: found remand regime indefensible

The judge says that Reading, which changed from a prison to a remand centre a year ago, has a catchment area that includes Avon and Somerset, so that many young men were confined beyond a reasonable travelling distance for their families.

Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, rejected Judge Tumim's call for the centre to be turned into a community prison. He said that inmates from Avon and Somerset would be transferred to Gloucester prison, but Reading would have to remain a remand centre for the foreseeable future.

In another report, Judge Tumim criticises overcrowding at Lincoln prison, where 100 or more young inmates are crammed into the basement of a small wing. He said that seeing men watching videos or idly lounging over landing rails filled the inspection team with disquiet. The average number of prisoners was 578, including 100 young inmates, when the normal level should be 392.

"We were not surprised to hear of extensive bullying and of a recent serious unprovoked attack on a member of staff. The prison has neither the space nor the physical resources to safeguard these young men from the seriously damaging effects of imprisonment," the judge's report says.

Weaker inmates at Hatfield young offenders' institution, near Doncaster, South Yorkshire, where 133 prisoners absconded during the first nine months of last year, were subjected to intimidation, says a third report by Judge Tumim.

Child-minder left five youngsters in 'care of the Lord'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER registered council child-minder was yesterday convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to five small children she left locked up in her home.

Police found the children, aged between three and eight, after the eldest became distressed and dialled 999. An officer went to the house in Southall, west London, and discovered all the doors and windows bolted. The boy managed to release a catch on the kitchen window to allow him to climb in.

Sergeant Nicholas Hughes discovered the children preparing to go to school at 8am. Isleworth Crown Court, west London, was told. Kulvinder Kaur Khalsa, 35, who worked as a child-minder with Ealing council for five years, returned home 40 minutes later with her own three young children, and found the policeman waiting. She said they were safe because "God was looking after them", the court was told.

Alex Lewis, for the prosecution, said it was not enough to trust in the Lord — or else children would not be harmed every day. Khalsa told police she had gone to visit her sister who was sick and was only gone five minutes.

Miss Lewis told the hearing: "She took her own three children in case they made too much noise. For at least 40 minutes, those children were exposed to dangers around the house with no suitable adult being present."

The jury heard they could have helped themselves to medicines in a kitchen cupboard or set the house alight by turning on gas or electrical equipment.

Carol Orford, the telephone operator who took the boy's call, told the court that although he said only one word before putting down the phone — "police" — she heard children crying and realised he was distressed. She traced the call and alerted Southall police.

The children belonged to different parents and Khalsa was looking after them as a favour to friends and was not being paid. She is unemployed. She and her jobless husband receive £100 a week for the DSS, which pays pays the mortgage on their former council house.



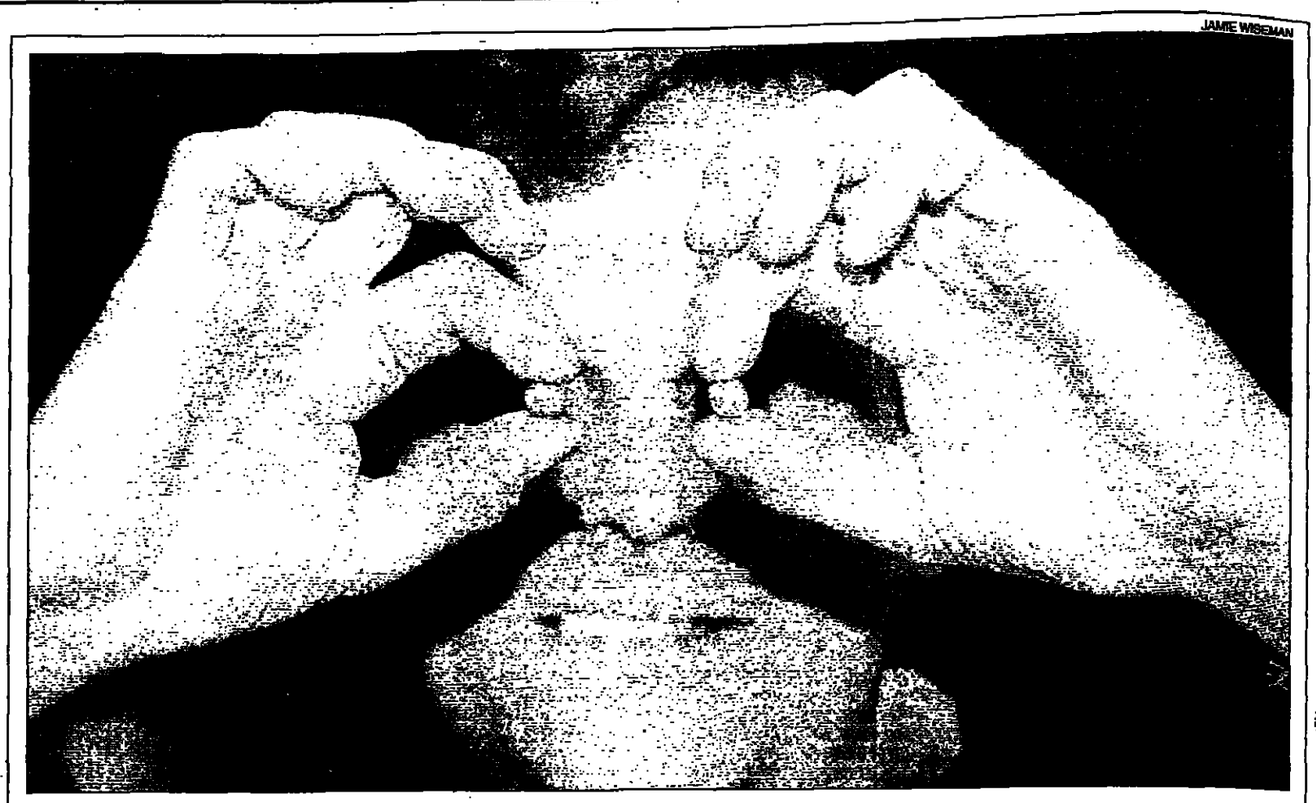
Khalsa: "God was looking after them"

Asked by Miss Lewis why it had been necessary to leave the children alone even though her sister was being looked after by her husband, Khalsa, speaking through an interpreter, said: "When she phoned and said she was unwell you don't think very straight. It was an emergency for her. I helped her. I made tea for her. She needed medicine and I gave it to her."

The children had been in no danger, she said: "I have faith in my guru. My God looks after everyone. I have no faith in anyone else. I left it to my God. It is just bad luck I went out for a little time and now I find myself in this position. I would not have put the children in danger.

"They were secure at home. I love those children and I care for them more than my own. I know the responsibilty was on me. Nothing happened to the children. They were safe. It's just the police have made all this up. What I want to say is the police have upset me a lot."

Khalsa was cleared on the direction of the judge of five charges of abandoning the children. But she was convicted on another five of causing unnecessary suffering on February 26 this year. She was remanded on bail for reports until September 10.



JAMIE WISEMAN

Eyes on the pea market: John Pickering, frozen vegetables trading manager for a supermarket chain, inspecting two of the first peas picked at Louth, Lincolnshire, for freezing within 145 minutes of picking.

Safeway has introduced the faster target for a premium version of its own-brand peas, to be launched in the autumn to overcome a decline in frozen pea sales. The market has been dwindling by 3 or 4 per cent a year since 1987, even though frozen peas account for almost half the nation's frozen green vegetable consumption. The drive toward better quality will, however, mean a shortage and higher prices. Farmers and food processors say that they will provide better peas but fewer of them. Although 85,000 acres of peas are being grown for freezing this year, enough to produce more than 215,000 tonnes, that is a 20 per cent decline from last year. The drop is attributed to years of falling prices caused by oversupply. Suppliers are trying to improve standards by processing peas ever more quickly. Bird's Eye, the brand leader, says that its peas are frozen within 150 minutes of picking. Safeway's 145-minute target means getting the peas into the factory within 90 minutes of the start of picking. Saving the extra minutes involves radio liaison, floodlit night picking, escorts for lorries to speed journeys and smaller loads from distant fields. The £200,000 harvesting machines move at 3mph and need at least 30 minutes to half fill a lorry. Different varieties of pea are sown at intervals to mature in succession.

Apple harvest, page 16

Casualty delays criticised

HOSPITAL casualty departments are not providing a satisfactory service, despite promises set out in the Patient's Charter, according to a survey published today.

Long waiting times, a shortage of consultants and lack of emergency staff are commonplace, according to *Which Way to Health?*

The survey of 149 accident and emergency departments by the Consumers' Association magazine found that patients with non-urgent cases can be forced to wait up to four hours — and still be seen within the targets set out in the charter.

Waiting times set by some health authorities for emergencies were up to an hour, and for urgent cases they were as long as two hours. Almost two in three hospitals surveyed failed to meet the target set by professionals for consultant staffing in larger casualty departments.

More than half the hospitals had only one consultant in accident and emergency departments — not enough to provide 24-hour cover. Only half the hospitals had an emergency team on 24-hour call to deal with heart arrests.

The charter says all patients should be seen by a trained doctor or nurse immediately on arrival, and their needs assessed. But it fails to define "immediately" and is far from realistic, the report says.

Casualty departments varied in the privacy offered. About one in eight did not have private consultation rooms.

Of 133 health authorities, 28 fail to monitor whether standards are being met — against government guidelines.

Reformers reject plan to fortify crown courts

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT proposals to fortify the dock in crown courts with a "moat" come under attack today from the Howard League for Penal Reform.

The league says that the plans for a new model court design, with docks "fronted by a moat", amount to a "totally unwarranted concentration on security in the courtroom," and undermine the presumption that a defendant is innocent. Instead, the dock should be abolished in all but one or two courts, the league recommends in a letter to Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

"Of the hundreds of thousands of cases heard in the crown courts over the last ten years there have only been five recorded assaults on crown court staff," it says.

Not only would the proposals tip the balance of justice against defendants by placing them in a physically degrading and overtly imprisoned position in the courtroom, but they would be "exorbitantly expensive to implement".

A working party drawn from several government departments has produced a design for the next generation of crown court buildings. A full-scale model has been constructed and comments are invited on the proposals.

The League makes five recommendations to the Lord Chancellor. First, it says the dock should be abolished in most courts and defendants should normally be allowed to sit, American-style, by their own counsel. Both those proposals are supported by the Bar, which recommended them in evidence to the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice.

The Commission did not adopt the proposal but it acknowledged that the biggest disadvantage of the dock was the "obstacle that it sometimes presents to effective communication between the defendant and his or her legal advisers."

The league also says the court layout must ensure that the court proceedings can be clearly heard by all concerned, especially the defendant. Finally, savings on abandoning "excessive and unnecessary security measures" should be channelled into improved facilities for staff, witnesses, defendants, their families and the public.

Village shops to get help

BY ROBIN YOUNG

HELP was announced yesterday for villages trying to save their dwindling number of shops and sub post offices.

The Rural Development Commission, which found in a recent survey that only a quarter of parishes still had a food shop, is to expand its retail advisory service, which offers the services of retail consultants to village shopkeepers.

The commission, with the Co-operative College, has also developed a training package, *The Business of Your Dreams?*, costing £60, which rural shopkeepers can study.

Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of the commission, said government policies repeatedly placed village shops at risk. Examples included encouraging people to have pensions and benefits paid direct into bank accounts, expensive hygiene regulations, the introduction of the uniform business rate penalising shops and post offices with houses attached, and the possible effects of proposed changes in the National Health Service remuneration for rural pharmacies.

The commission suggests local authorities should give grants to local shops and use them as outlets for services such as libraries and tourist information.

☐ *Village Shops — a Report on Community Action* (Rural Development Commission, 141 Castle Street, Salisbury, SP1 3TP; £5)

Owners offered horse ID cards to curb rustlers

BY JAMES LANDALE AND CHRIS TATE

HORSE-rustling in Britain could be cut dramatically by a new equine identity card system which makes details of a stolen horse available to police, sale rings and exit ports within hours of a theft.

Video images of a horse and its distinguishing marks are kept on a computerised data base which is used to establish identity of a horse unequivocally.

Two families are currently in dispute at Blackpool County Court over the ownership of a pony which was stolen three years ago. The real identity of the animal, which the present owners allegedly bought in good faith, was not determined until April this year.

The family had taken the horse to be freeze marked (a form of branding) and an old mark was discovered when the hair was shaved and wiped with alcohol. Such arguments are rife in the horse world.

The new identity card, comprising photographs and a written description of a horse, is recorded on one confidential data base. Still-photographs taken from a video of the horse are transferred to computer disc and then printed direct onto the laminated plastic card to prevent forgery.

The A4-sized card shows one main photograph and up to nine smaller ones, each highlighting specific features that are unique to each animal.

Other information on the computer includes owners' details, references to other methods of identification such as microchips, freeze marks, other distinguishing marks and medical history.

Derek Bartlett, a director of Equine Data, the firm which has launched the new card, said the system makes identifying horses much easier than before.

"This is really an extension of a system which has been running for years that was based on diagrams," he said.

"The problem has always been for the police that they did not understand the phraseology of the vets."

He added: "There are lots of ways of tagging a horse, such as freeze-marking and hoof-marking, but what our system does is to put in the hands of those looking for a horse all the existing forms of identification and no one else does that.

"We aim to have copies of the certificate with every interested party — the police, sales rings, the ports — within 24 hours."

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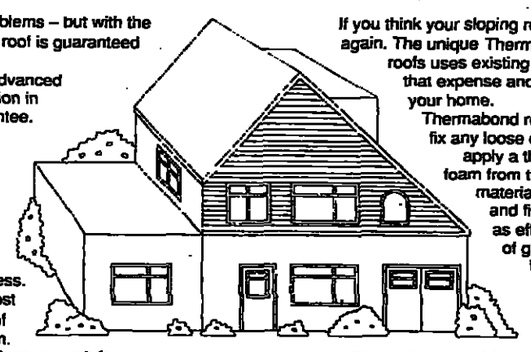
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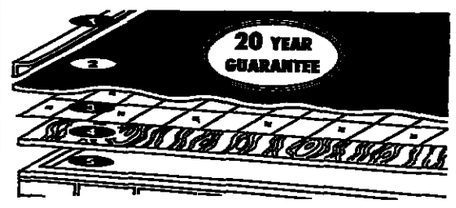
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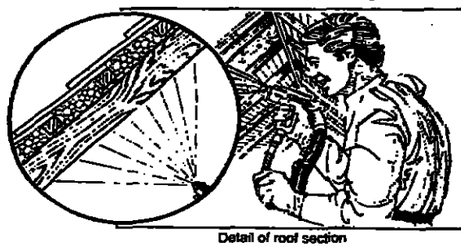
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Hopkins fans lament 'desecration' of shrine

BY EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

A GROUP of international academics and devotees of the great 19th-century poet Gerard Manley Hopkins have expressed anger and disbelief after discovering that the room where he died in Dublin has been converted into a public lavatory.

The academics from as far afield as Australia, the United States, Sweden and the Czech Republic, made the discovery during a tour of Newman House on St Stephen's Green in Dublin last week while attending the Hopkins International Summer School in co. Kildare.

In a letter to the *Evening Press* the academics said they were dismayed to find that the room where Hopkins died "has been converted into a public toilet [and] has not been reclaimed." They argue that Hopkins is one of the great poets of the English language and that the place where he spent his last days should be treated as a hallowed spot. "Making it in to a toilet is a kind of desecration."

The letter continues: "Surely it is ironical that the plaque on the wall outside Newman House encourages respect because Hopkins has once lived there — yet on going in, a caller also encounters the spectacle of The Hopkins Toilet. Should there be a plaque outside it too?"

Hopkins lived and worked at Newman House for five years between 1884 and his death from typhoid in 1889 while employed as a professor of classics at University College. Staff at the house, which is being restored and is used for lectures and seminars, say they know of no plans by the university to reclaim the downstairs lavatory.

They point out that Hopkins lived for most of his stay in an upstairs study which has been restored and was opened to the public last year. A spokesman said the poet was moved downstairs to the present location of the lavatory only when he was gravely ill.

The controversy over the scene of Hopkin's death follows the successful conclusion of a campaign to save the birthplace of George Bernard Shaw as a museum, after it had fallen into a virtual ruin. His childhood home at 33 Sygne Street in the Portobello area of the city was open for the first time to the general public last month.

Madame Cyn puts the accent on safer sex

BY RICHARD DUCE

CYNTHIA Payne, the former brothel madame, was happy to be back in the limelight yesterday, launching National Condom Week.

Madame Cyn, as she became known, was in Covent Garden, surrounded by news photographers, to launch the British Safety Council message that safe sex is good sex.

Bemused foreign tourists looked on as Miss Payne released 120 black balloons, representing the number of Aids cases expected to be diagnosed this month. Posters are to appear round the country this week, promoting the use of condoms.

Miss Payne, who achieved notoriety after police raided her suburban south London brothel in 1978, yesterday gave sex tips such as "It's always better with a French letter".

She said: "I could never understand why I wasn't asked to do something like this before. We have got to attract the young — they're embarrassed to talk sex with their parents. I don't think I am stuffy and I think they will listen to me with a smile. We've got to make it trendy with the young."

James Tye, director-general of the safety council, said: "We chose Cynthia Payne for the launch because she seems to be well liked around the country. The trouble with choosing pop stars is that often they're never heard of again after a few weeks and we certainly didn't want ministers or other dreadfully boring people."

Mr Tye said: "It is incredibly difficult, undesirable and probably impossible to stop people having sex. The immediate problem is to stop people having unprotected casual sex."

Payne: recommends the use of condoms

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Torrential rain washes away hopes for holidays

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND RONALD FAUX

HOLIDAYMAKERS braved torrential rain yesterday as the Meteorological Office issued a severe weather warning. There were heavy downpours in northern England and southern Scotland.

With some areas experiencing more than half an inch of rain in a few hours, the Met Office described the outlook as grim and blamed the cooler weather on the explosion of the volcano Mount Pinatubo in the Philippines in June 1991. A spokesman said: "It will certainly be very disruptive to people who are out and about. This is noteworthy, but it's not rare. The weather is in an unsettled pattern at the moment, but there's nothing very threatening on the horizon."

Despite appearances to the contrary, the Met Office says the summer's rainfall has been only slightly above average. In July it was 18 per cent above normal but in the first week of August it was 1 per cent below.

The Met Office spokesman said that volcanic gasses and ashes released into the stratosphere from Mount Pinatubo had cooled down the world's temperatures. "That does not mean that any given country is going to have a cooler summer, but it certainly lowers the chances of having a good one," he said.

As rain poured down on the Lake District for another day of gloomy skies and cloud-shrouded hills, hoteliers and holidaymakers variously blamed the run of bad weather on God, the Russians and a wet St Swithin's day.

The Met Office had a more scientific explanation for the North West's summer, which has featured 27 per cent more rain and 16 per cent less sunshine than normal.

The spokesman said that the fewer frontal systems trailing one parade of rain clouds after another across Cumbria was probably due to high pressure over the Azores directing depressions and fronts across the North Country, rather than along a more northerly course. But he added that temperatures had been generally reaching normal levels and other variables had been within normal limits.

Crosby, in Merseyside, was Britain's wettest place by mid-afternoon yesterday after half an inch of rain fell in a few hours. In Manchester, forecasters said that the weather was almost tropical after it rained for the fourth day in a row yesterday. "It's been dire," a spokesman for Manchester Weather Centre said.

This year's poor weather has prompted many Britons to take holidays abroad. Lunn Poly, Britain's biggest travel agency chain, said that bookings in July were 10 per cent up on last year. The Met Office said that Britons who stayed at home in the hope of catching good weather had forgotten what English summers were really like. "We have had a run of really hot summers. Global warming has meant that we have seen higher temperatures in the last decade, but this year it has been globally cooler."

The weather today is expected to continue unsettled with more rain, particularly in the North and West. Cooler temperatures are likely.

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TIM CUFF



Cash float: a cruise boat skipper plies for trade on Torquay harbourside

Passing Attractions

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Not to be geographically confused with? *Monte Carlo,* Nice or Birkenhead.

Appearance? Picturesque bay location enjoying a concordance of colours and contours, Italianate villas perched on precipitous cliffs.

What do people think of Torquay? Walter Savage Landor condemned it for being "full of smart ugly houses and rich hot-looking people". The Victorian primness of the place sent Rudyard Kipling into collar-tightening anger: "Torquay is such a place as I do desire to upset it by dancing through it with nothing on but my spectacles. Villas, clipped hedges and shaven lawns, fat old ladies with respirators and obese landaus." An Exeter University survey suggested that the odds-on chance of having a fling in Torquay attracted young people to the resort much more than its Devon cream teas.

Has Torquay changed in the past 100 years? Yes, towards the end of the last century a "wholesome Code of Byelaws" dictated that "no person of the male sex shall at any time bathe within 50 yards of a ladies bathing machine". At the turn of the century, mixed bathing was at last permitted. Recently, after a furious rearguard action, the local council unofficially decided to turn a blind eye to topless bathing.

Local MP? Rupert Allason, otherwise known as Nigel West, the spy writer.

Well-known residents or visitors? Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Benjamin Disraeli, Isadora Duncan and Agatha Christie.

Least-likely visitor? Rupert Allason.

Best Nightspots? Ritzy and Claire's VIP Lounge.

Worst Nightspots? Ritzy and Claire's VIP Lounge.

Highlights? The fish and chips at the Tudor Rose cafe *by the harbour, night-time* mackerel fishing, the evening promenade.

Lowlights? Hordes of Walkman-wearing language students and loud drunken youths from Liverpool, Newcastle and Luton.

Most charming person in Torquay this season? Hélene, the French waitress at the Tudor Rose cafe.

Least known facts about Torquay? The resort's famous palm tree is not a palm in the botanical sense, but a cabbage plant from New Zealand. The town's mean average temperature in January is one degree higher than Nice's.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Man jailed over death

A motorist was jailed at the Old Bailey for four years for chasing and killing a driver who accidentally ran over his friend on New Year's eve.

Gary Brower, 34, of Ealing, west London, rammed Anthony Sinclaire's BMW and catapulted it into a railing in Hackney, east London. Mr Sinclaire, 34, of Streatham, south London, died instantly of whiplash injuries. His three passengers suffered broken limbs.

Singer fined

Desmond Dekker, 51, who had a reggae hit in 1969 with "The Israelites", was fined £1,250 at Camberwell magistrates' court for drink driving.

Body named

Scotland Yard said a body recovered at an old quarry in Snowdonia was that of Patrick Tuohy, 59, an alleged murder victim, of Chiswick, west London.

Date rapist

David Forrest, 36, of Tichborne, Hampshire, was jailed at Winchester Crown Court for three and a half years for raping a woman he took for a meal.

Driver crushed

Joanna Benson, 22, of Scunthorpe, Humberside, died when her car was crushed beneath a crane at Dragonby.

Social atlas maps out stark North-South divide

BY IAN MURRAY

THE poverty gap between the poor North and the rich South is still a harsh reality, according to a social atlas of England compiled from the latest census data.

It shows, too, that parts of inner London and the main industrial cities are among the poorest places in the country. The collection of maps, based on the 1991 census, "challenges recent claims that the gap is closing," according to Ray Forrest of the School for Advanced Urban Studies at Bristol University, one of the authors.

The figures, drawn from all 336 local authorities in England, show clearly that chronic ill health is linked closely with poverty. In 30 areas, concentrated in the North and Midlands, one third of all households with pensioners lack central heating. In more than 100 districts, again mainly in the North, inner cities and Cornwall, over a quarter of households contain at least one person suffering from long-term illness.

One-parent families are much more numerous in the poorer city areas. Out of the 14 districts with the highest number of lone parents, nine are in inner London and the rest in Manchester, Liverpool, Middlesbrough and Nottingham.

☐ *People and Places: a 1991 census atlas of England* by Ray Forrest and Dave Gordon (SAUS Publications, Rodney Lodge, Grange Road, Bristol BS8 4EA; £14.75)

OAP struck muggers

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN aged 81 fought two men trying to mug him in a tube station and gave them "a few good ones", a court was told yesterday.

Albert Axtell, a great-grandfather, of Kensington, west London, demonstrated to the jury at Southwark Crown Court how he dealt out a right-hander to one of the attackers at King's Cross station.

"He set about me and I finished him," Mr Axtell, a 5ft 4in retired electrician, said. "I was coming up the stairs and they were coming down. They just grabbed hold of me. One gave me a poke and I gave him a good one and he left."A policeman arrived to find Mr Axtell being kicked on the floor by Robert MacDonald, 20, of Camden Town. He was found guilty of assault causing actual bodily harm and was jailed for two years. The second attacker has not been traced.

Mr Axtell was taken to University College Hospital for treatment after the attack in January this year.

Outside the court Mr Axtell said he had served as an artilleryman in the second world war. "I was no nanny's boy, let's put it that way," he said. "I saw a lot of good men lose their lives fighting for the freedom of scum like the ones who attacked me."

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Judges often jail rapists for less than five years — and terms could become shorter under new proposals

Plea bargaining will cut sentence

Women & rape

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

RAPISTS could end up with significantly lower sentences if proposals for a system of sentence discounts in return for early guilty pleas come into force.

The proposals, by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice, have already been attacked by Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice. He said that a formal system of discounts — with bigger reductions for early guilty pleas — could put pressure on defendants to plead guilty. It might also lead to "judge-shopping", with defendants going from one judge to another in the hunt for a lower discount, he recently told The Times/LSE forum on the Royal Commission report.

If the proposals are enacted and early guilty pleas increase, average rape sentences will drop. Already 40 per cent of rape sentences by circuit judges are five years or under, despite Court of Appeal guidelines that the starting point in contested adult rape cases should be five years.

The 40 per cent figure emerged from a survey by Dr Paul Robertshaw of Cardiff Law School of Home Office figures, which also showed wide variations in rape sentencing, with some courts showing much greater leniency.

The research, commissioned by BBC1's *Panorama*, may fuel the cases for both increased funds for judicial training as well as updated appeal court guidelines on rape sentences.

Dr Robertshaw says the findings show judges are not adhering to the guidelines. "There are courts in Britain, and they all have specialist judges appearing in them regularly, who are giving sentences lower than the Court of Appeal has said they should give," he says.

Judges are, however, entitled to move below the five-year starting point as well as above it. The present guidelines were issued in 1986 by the then Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, who said rape would always call for an immediate custodial sentence except in wholly exceptional circumstances.

However, the variable circumstances of rape made a tariff impossible. The normal starting starting point for adult rape contested by a defendant should be five years, he said. Where two or more men were involved, or the man had broken into the victim's home, or the rape was committed by someone in a position of responsibility towards the victim, or had abducted his victim and held her captive, the starting point should be eight years.

Mitigating factors which would lower the sentence include: the rapist's age, a guilty plea and whether the woman's behaviour was calculated to make him believe she would consent to sex.

Recent court decisions, however, are effectively questioning some of these mitigating factors and show a willingness by judges to find rape in a broader range of circumstances. In February a man was found guilty of raping his fiancée after she changed her mind mid-way through love-making.

Judges also want to ensure that young rapists should not escape adequate penalty. Judge Myrella Cohen QC, one of the specialist corps of judges who handle rape cases, expressed concern earlier this year over the legal loophole that a boy under 14 was regarded as incapable of rape. The most he could be convicted of was indecent assault, "leaving the court poweless to pass any meaningful sentence", she said. The home secretary has since changed the law.

There have been other calls for reform. The idea of minimum sentences for rape will continue to be resisted by judges. Judge Cohen believes they would fetter the discretion judges need to apply, within guidelines, because cases vary in gravity. They could also produce more acquittals. Juries, she argues, might be more reluctant to convict where judges could not take account of mitigating factors.

There is strong support, however, among senior judges for more government funds to go on their training. Circuit judges, recorders and assistant recorders attend a "refresher" seminar with special sessions and expert addresses on rape and child abuse. But these only take place every five years. Philip Taylor, secretary to the Judicial Studies Board, says the aim, as the Royal Commission recommended, is to increase seminars to every four and then every three years. "It's not simply a question of more funding; it is also securing more days on which judges can be released for training."



Identifying attacker: victim Muriel Harvey, a magistrate, displaying an artist's impression of the Ludlow rapist yesterday

Study uncovers huge differences in the severity of sentences imposed by neighbouring courts

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

RAPE carries a potential maximum sentence of life imprisonment but, in reality, the severity of sentences varies widely, depending on which crown court hears the trial.

Research has found that Newcastle Crown Court, for instance, appears to give more lenient sentences than any other court in England and Wales; others, such as Birmingham and Leeds, are consistently tough on rapists.

The findings emerged from a survey based on Home Office statistics by Dr Paul Robertshaw, of Cariff Law School, commissioned by BBC 1's *Panorama*.

From figures for 1991, he found that almost 70 per cent of sentences passed by courts on the western circuit, which covers Truro, Exeter, Bristol and Winchester courts, were less than five years.

Newcastle was the most lenient, with more than half of rapists receiving less than five years in jail although fewer than 10 per cent received under three years.

By contrast, Birmingham Crown Court meted out the toughest sentences, with 45 per cent of rapists jailed more than seven years. Leeds was also tough, with 38 per cent of rape sentences being more than seven years and only one in three rapists receiving less than five years.

The survey looked at all crown courts in England and Wales and found about 10 per cent of sentences were less than three years. Nottingham Crown Court was twice as likely to give this light sentence as neighbouring Birmingham.

What the survey does not do, however, is analyse the sentences by reference to severity of the crime. It is not clear, therefore, whether, for roughly comparable crimes, the sentences vary hugely or not.

Judges argue that rape varies in its gravity depending on the circumstances of the case and that this is why there are sentencing discrepancies. Mr Justice Judge, presiding judge on the Midlands circuit, told *Panorama*'s programme *Rape of Justice*: "A judge applies the guidelines given the individual facts of the individual case. Nobody suggests that guidelines answer all the questions. If it were so, there would simply be a computer which printed out the sentence."

Crown courts	Under 3 yrs %	Under 5 yrs %	Over 7 yrs %
Leeds	6.9	31	37.9
Newcastle	9.5	52.4	19
Birmingham	10	35	45
Old Bailey	10.5	38.7	28
Manchester	10.8	47.6	28.6
Nottingham	19.8	48	20

Police switch to TV for leads

Reconstructions can open new lines of investigation, when other trails have gone cold, says ***Louise Hidalgo***

The investigation into the Basildon rapist has become the type of case detectives dread. Almost a year to the day since he last attacked, the trail has grown cold, the costs climb and he could strike again.

Next week, the series of five assaults is reconstructed on television, to which police are increasingly turning to help solve some of Britain's most notorious rape crimes.

When the BBC television programme, *Crimewatch*, re-enacted five of the seven rapes and attempted rapes of the so-called Eltham rapist, police received nearly 1,000 calls from the public, more even than followed the appeal for information about the murder in July last year of Rachel Nickell.

Six hundred suspects have since been interviewed and eliminated. Police in southeast London are now at a loss where to turn and the man, who raped his first victim in August 1989 and his latest in May last year, is still at large.

Muriel Harvey, a 67-year-old magistrate, chose to talk openly about being raped as she returned home from midnight mass in Ludlow, Shropshire, last Christmas because she hoped it would lead to her attacker being identified. Eight months later, he has not been. The constant lament from police investigating rape cases is the lack of a description. The trauma of the rape often means victims are unable to recall their attacker's physical details, even if they have seen them.

In the Eltham investigation, police have had to discount all but one of the descriptions given by the victims, most of them in their late teens and early twenties. Det Insp John Pearse, of Greenwich police, who currently heads the investigation, said: "Often they say the attacker is larger than in fact he is, hardly surprising if you have been confronted with a size eight hand in your face."

When the rapist is hooded, as in the case of the man who has struck three times in the small Somerset town of Bridgwater, the odds against the police lengthen. "He could be 16, he could be 48, we just do not knoow," said Det Insp Paul Moody, of Avon and Somerset police, who is overseeing that investigation.

Det Insp Alan Young, of Milton Keynes police, who spent 16 months unsuccessfully trying to find a rapist whose youngest of seven victims was an 11-year-old girl on her way to school, believes like many other officers that a national DNA bank could at least ease the problems of detection.

He said: "We have taken samples from more than 800 people but we cannot keep them on file for future reference. If he strikes again, we have to start all over again, which is a major drain on resources."

In Basildon, resources have been spent on six months of visiting more than 4,000 houses in the hope that someone, somewhere, saw something. Blood samples have been taken from more than 300 men and the results of another 30 are awaited. The hope is that the televised reconstruction will jog some vital memory or be seen by a friend or family member of the assailant.

Government response

Treatment for rapists curbed

Treatment programmes intended for rapists jailed for four years or more have been curtailed by lack of government money. Only some of those sentenced to seven years or more are being offered the programme.

The initiative was announced by Kenneth Baker more than two years ago in response to the first important study of rapists and had the backing of Angela Rumbold, then prisons minister, who toured Canada and the United States to look at similiar schemes. The scheme has beenintroduced at only afew prisons where prison and probation officers have been trained. The Home Office saidit had earmarked money for training another 15 staff, to extend the programme this year. Those responsible for the programme say that the piece meal approach will delay the assessment of results, which are important both to the future structure of the scheme and in the debate with those who doubt its effectiveness.



Wyre: claims best results

A study by Dr Don Grubin and Professor John Gunn of the Institute of Psychiatry found that 37 per cent of rapists were alcohol dependent and 20 per cent had been sexually abused as children. Another study, published this month in the journal *Issues in Criminological and Legal Psychology* by Dr Allan Leonard, senior psychologist at Wormwood Scrubs prison, London, found that 54 per cent of rapists were subjected to violence by their parents.

The basic programme lasts up to 50 sessions over three months and focuses on the circumstances surrounding the offences and attitudes towards victims and sex. Many rapists justify their actions by claiming that "all women want it, really" and are shocked when shown video recordings of victims recalling what happened and how it wrecked their lives. A psychologist said: "They stumble out shocked, dejected and tearful." Rapists are taught to avoid situations which might encourage them to commit the crime, such as working with children if they have a history of child sex abuse, and learn to control their use of alcohol and drugs.

A longer programme, offered to prisoners seen as a greater danger, offers treatment for alcoholism, training in relationships with women and in some cases medical treatment for chemical imbalances. Grendon Underwood prison, Buckinghamshire, has for years run its own 18-month programme based on a "therapeutic community". A study found that of those released from Grendon Underwood between 1983 and 1989, 18 per cent reoffended, compared with a national figure of 42 per cent. Grendon does not claim it can cure violent criminals and is quick to point out that staff can work only with those who want to reform. The debate on treatment often fails to take into account that half of convicted rapists refuse to accept that they did anything wrong.

Gracewell Clinic, Birmingham, runs a rehabilitation programme for men who have mostly raped and abused children. Again there is emphasis on examining the damage to the victim. Ray Wyre, director of the clinic, says it is the most successful programme in the country for reducing re-offending. Adam Sampson, deputy director of the Prison Reform Trust, who is publishing a book on sexual crime later this year, believes the effectiveness of treatment needs closer monitoring. "There is a danger you make things worse, not better, because padding around in people's psyches without knowing what you are doing can cause more damage. With so few sexual crimes reported and so few offenders convicted, it is difficult to get proof."

Offender blames attitudes

By Lin Jenkins

PAUL is serving eight years for rape. He will not discuss the details, but admits that his crime is part of a catalogue of violent behaviour that began in his early teens.

He has accepted that he did wrong. Many rapists never do. Had Paul not cleared this hurdle, he would be ineligible for a sex offenders' treatment programme.

To some extent he sees himself as a victim, using the language of those who set up the treatment programme. His home life was violent. His father beat his mother and the children. Looking back, he thinks his father probably raped his mother.

"It seemed the way to behave and I thought I was macho. I was popular with my friends and hung around with the gang. I started nicking things and got into trouble when I hit someone."

The violence continued when he set up home with his girl friend. He saw himself as dominant and used his fists when he felt that was challenged. "I have always had a quick temper, and I am worse with drink. But I realise now that it is only part of me. There is another side. I am trying to change my offending behaviour so I am different when I get out."

He does not think prison is the sensible way to deal with most sex offenders. "Punishing sex offenders does not make any difference. What is needed is a change of male attitudes towards women."

Paul accepts the professionals' view that he was socially inadequate in relationships with women. He is learning to change his behaviour — without being able to test this. He is also being encouraged to change his behaviour to men. "I have been very aggressive in prison," he says. "Now I am trying to change."

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Salmon stocks grow after piracy purge

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

■ Stocks are increasing in Scottish rivers as patrols in the North Atlantic make life difficult for international poachers

ANGLERS on Scotland's salmon rivers are reporting increased stocks of fish since a crackdown on an international salmon smuggling ring, which has been taking thousands of pounds worth of fish from the North Atlantic and threatened some rivers with salmon extinction.

The Edinburgh-based North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation (Nasco) is taking tough measures against the the so-called pirates, Danish-owned trawlers which take the fish from waters off the Faeroe Islands in contravention of an international treaty.

The trawlers are registered in Poland and Panama, countries which are not signatories to the Nasco treaty. The fish are then landed in Gdansk, Poland, before being transported to Switzerland in lorries for smoking.

Nasco has co-ordinated warships and surveillance aircraft from Britain and Scandinavia to spot and apprehend the trawlers, although this year only one has been seen.

Up to eight Danish-owned ships are believed to be involved, using miles of long lines to hook the salmon. When one of the pirate ships broke down off the Faeroe islands in 1991, Nasco investigators learnt that the pirates took about 350 tonnes that year.The problem is compounded by the fact that north Atlantic salmon stocks are at an historical low point due to pollution and overfishing.

Dr Malcolm Windsor, director of Nasco, said: "We are dealing with an international conspiracy. We have been exerting a lot of diplomatic pressure, and we are confident that most countries will not want to cause problems for themselves by getting involved in this illegal trade in any way."

The pirates have been operating in a stretch of ocean bigger than the area of Sweden and lying outside the 200-mile fishing zones of the countries bordering the North Atlantic.

Intense diplomatic pressure is now being put on Poland and Panama and Dr Windsor is optimistic that it will prove successful. Poland is keen to join the European Community.

The pirates' activities have left salmon stocks in the north Atlantic at alarmingly low levels. "If we have these vessels taking significant amounts, on some vulnerable rivers it could push the stock to the level where it might not recover," says Dr Windsor. "The salmon are important to the economies of rural areas and as salmon always return to the river of their birth to spawn, it would be extremely difficult to revive salmon stocks in rivers which are pushed over the edge."

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Tourists discover the untamed beauty of Cornwall's coast



This England: Dave Lewis, the main guide on a series of BT-sponsored tours of the Lizard, Cornwall, shows Danny, a German boy, Asparagus Island, Kynance Cove and the spot where the Spanish Armada was sighted in 1588. Biologists, archaeologists and writers conduct the walks

Fide 'wrong to bar chess contenders'

By Ian Murray

THE British Chess Federation has condemned Fide, the game's world governing body, for stripping Nigel Short and Garry Kasparov of their international ratings for competing in *The Times* World Chess Championship.

In a letter to Casto Abundo, Fide's permanent secretary, John Poole, the federation chairman, warns that the world body is in danger of seeing its moral authority undermined for its treatment of the two grandmasters.

"Fide are attempting to punish Kasparov and Short for playing their match outside Fide," the letter says. "It is abhorrent for any system of rules, regulations or laws to introduce future provisions to deal with past actions. It smacks of revenge, not the proper exercise of power."

Mr Poole says: "The Fide secretariat have taken administrative action to remove the names from the list without either constitutional authority or even the authority of a resolution of the executive council." The letter argues that since Fide is an organisation whose activities might restrict competition within the European Community, the removal of the two players from the list is legally an abuse of a dominant position.

Demanding that both players be reinstated immediately, Mr Poole says that an appeal against the decision will be raised before Fide's annual general assembly in Brazil in November. "If Fide is not prepared to follow proper procedures for the governing of world chess, then its moral authority will be undermined."

Mr Poole says that the likely outcome of stripping the two of their ratings will be to encourage the breakaway Professional Chess Association, set up by Kasparov and Short, to produce their own rating list. Copies of the letter have been circulated to all 120 affiliated Fide members.

The federation, however, still backs Fide in refusing to recognise *The Times* sponsored match as a competition for the world title.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

British championship approaches climax

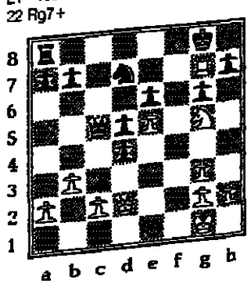
THE British championship, held in the sports hall of the University of Dundee, reaches its climax this week. Will outsider Michael Hennigan maintain his lead over the grandmasters?

Here is an early win by one of the frontrunners which won the prize for the best game of the round offered by chess benefactor Raymond Mays. Black's exchange on move 13 is a mistake which opens up the f-file for White's attack. In the final position, if 22 . . . Kxg7 then 23 Nxe6+ wins Black's queen.

White: J Emms
Black: G Lee
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Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	Nd2	Nd7
4	e5	Nh6
5	Bd3	g6
6	Ndf3	Bf5
7	Ne2	Bxd3
8	Ng3	Qd7
9	Cxd3	Nf5
10	0-0	e6
11	Re1	Be7
12	Bg5	Nxg3
13	b3	Bxg5
14	fxg3	Qe7
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16	Qd2	0-0
17	Rf1	Nd7
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20	Rxf7	Qc5
21	Rxf7	
22	Rg7+	



Black resigns

Junior award

I will be offering a book prize for the best game played by any junior player (under 18) in any section of the British championships submitted to me at *The Times* no later than August 21. The winning game will be published in this column.

All players 18 years old or under competing in any section of the British championship at Dundee should send their entries to me: c/o Championship Chess, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. Entries should include the moves of the game in algebraic notation plus an explanation of no more than 50 words as to why the chosen game should win.

Line-up of FIDE candidates' matches

The line-up for the first knock-out stage of FIDE's version of the World Chess Championship is as follows:

Boris Gelfand (Belorussia) v Michael Adams (England); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia) v Lev Yudasin (Israel); Valery Salov (Russia) v Alexander Khalifman (Germany); Gata Kamsky (USA) v Paul van der Sterren (Holland); Vishy Anand (India) v Artur Yusupov (Russia); Joel Lautier (France) v the loser of the Karpov-Timman match.

The matches will be played in Wijk-aan-Zee, Netherlands, in January 1994. The PCA version of the interzonal will be held in Groningen, Netherlands, in December.

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THE MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY A hope in hell

Greek left attacks holiday visit by the former king

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Anger from Socialists and Communists greeted the trip by Constantine and his family to Greece. The ex-king said he wanted to show his children their heritage

A SURPRISE visit to Greece yesterday by the former King Constantine prompted a critical reaction from opposition parties, who described it as provocative.

"The visit is a major provocation against the Greek people. The monarchy issue in Greece is closed and he should have never been granted permission to land," said Anastassios Peponis, spokesman for the opposition Socialist Party. A Communist Party spokesman accused the conservative government of "trying to revive ghosts of the past" and said Constantine Mitsotakis, the prime minister, had kept close ties with the former royal family.

But Vassilis Maginas, the government spokesman, said: "The former king and the members of the former royal family have kept their Greek passports and thus their short private visit could not be stopped."

Constantine had a brief meeting with Mr Mitsotakis during the funeral of Belgium's King Baudouin in Brussels on Saturday. The ex-king arrived at Salonika from Britain in a private jet with two of his children. He was greeted at the airport by two conservative MPs.

"I am very moved to be back home," Constantine told reporters. "This is a private visit and I am going to cruise the Greek islands. It is also a good opportunity for my children to see the Greek heritage." Constantine's wife, the former Queen Anne Marie, a Danish princess, arrived in Salonika on a later flight with the couple's three other children.

"My wife and I selected this time to return because we wanted our whole family to visit Greece together in what is a very emotional pilgrimage to our homeland," Constantine said in a statement issued by his London office. "All the children have been educated in Greek schools and it is only right that they share with my wife and me the excitement of being on Greek soil again."

Constantine has lived in Britain with his family since fleeing Greece in December 1967 after failing to overthrow the military junta which seized power in April that year. He was then 27. After the fall of the junta in 1974, Greeks voted overwhelmingly to abolish the monarchy.

The government spokesman said: "The 1974 referendum permanently closed the monarchy issue and has been accepted by the former king himself." But in past interviews with Greek media, Constantine said he was ready to return to his throne if this was the will of the Greek people.

"I have never given up my rights to the Greek throne... and the Greek people can at any time decide differently from what they decided in the past," he said last February in a television interview.

Constantine is widely held to have lost in the referendum because he initially failed to stand up to the junta and signed more than 200 decrees enabling it to tighten its grip on the country before his unsuccessful counter-coup. In Brussels, King Albert II was sworn in as the sixth King of the Belgians on Monday, succeeding his brother Baudouin I, who died on July 31. The ceremony was interrupted by a libertarian MP, Jean-Pierre Van Rossem, who shouted: "Long live the Republic of Europe." He was shouted down by MPs and officials crying: "Long live the king."

Albert, 59, dressed in the uniform of commander-in-chief of the Belgian armed forces, swore to observe the constitution and laws of the Belgian people and maintain the independence and integrity of the Belgian territory. He called on Belgians to be an example of harmonious coexistence in their recently created federal state.



Heads of state: King Albert II of Belgium and Queen Paola driving through Brussels after swearing allegiance to the Belgian parliament yesterday

US diplomat is shot dead on road to Tbilisi

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

AN AMERICAN diplomat has been shot dead in Georgia, in an incident which will further damage the internal security of the embattled Caucasian republic.

Fred Woodruff was killed instantly by a bullet fired into his car near the village of Natakhtari, six miles from the capital, Tbilisi. He was returning from a visit to historic monuments and was being driven on Sunday night by the head of Eduard Shevardnadze's personal security force, who escaped unhurt.

Over the past two years, and especially since the beginning of the war in Abkhazia, Georgia has been increasingly subject to armed banditry. The roads around Tbilisi have become dangerous at night, not just because of criminals but also because of trigger-happy soldiers and police manning roadblocks.

Off-duty soldiers and deserters from the ragtag Georgian armed forces have been responsible for much armed violence. In the past ten days there have been two big clashes in Tbilisi when soldiers and paramilitaries stole from shops and then fired on police who tried to arrest them, killing several people.

Announcing the murder on television, Mr Shevardnadze said that it showed that firm security measures were needed to restore order, "even if we must temporarily restrict our democratic achievements in order to save democracy". Last week he dismissed the Georgian government and took emergency powers in an attempt to master the deteriorating situation. He said that emergency rule would last as long as it takes "to make this country look like a country".

Mr Shevardnadze's move was probably also intended to help force through the Russian-sponsored peace plan for Abkhazia, which he signed last month. This has been denounced by radical nationalists and some military figures as a virtual capitulation to Russia, which has backed the Abkhazian rebels.

The plan envisages Georgian troops withdrawing from Abkhazia and their replacement with a Russian peacekeeping force and a small group of 50 United Nations military observers. The first observers arrived in Georgia last weekend.



Shevardnadze: firm measures are needed

Land speculators blamed for fires

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

BUILDING speculators who apparently have sought to increase housing prices in Italy by paying arsonists to set forest fires to destroy holiday homes, yesterday evidently called a truce with the authorities as fresh off-shore winds and rain doused blazes in Sardinia, Tuscany and Liguria.

Newspaper reports said that many of the forest fires, which have killed at least one Italian tourist and a geologist in Sardinia over the past week, had been started by arsonists hurling petrol bombs into forests and woods from cars. Five hundred troops were deployed in the worst hit areas on Sunday, but commentators predicted that the war to preserve Italy's natural resources was not over.

The tourist who was killed was identified as Francesco Di Benedetto, 32, from Bari, who had been on holiday on the island for several days. His body was found near the tourist village of Sos Aranzos, about six miles from Olbia. Three others managed to flee the flames by car.

In southern Spain, officials suspected that the fire which swept uncontrolled through the Huetor-Santillán natural park, 12 miles east of Granada, was set intentionally. Some 3,000 to 3,800 acres of pine and oak forests in the park and surrounding areas had burnt by early yesterday and firefighters were still battling the blaze.

Another fire was reported in the woodlands around Ceuta, a Spanish enclave in North Africa. Meanwhile, firefighters won control of a blaze that had destroyed some 5,000 acres near Andilla, 34 miles northwest of Valencia. A total of 8,100 acres burned throughout the Valencia region over the weekend.

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How an injured child's plight shamed UN into action



Irma: her doctor's pleas to the UN fell on deaf ears

IRMA Hadzimuratovic was just another of the 300,000 civilians trapped in Sarajevo, until she became a symbol of the city, a city dying as much from denial of the essentials of life as from shells.

She is only one among tens of thousands wounded in Sarajevo in 16 months. Thousands of them still wait for the kind of plane that took her to Britain yesterday. Many of them spend more than six months in hospital beds under shocking conditions: 30 children have been approved by the UN for evacuation, but they have no hospitals to go to. Hundreds more should be evacuated to get medical treatment they badly need if they are ever to be healthy again.

Eleven days ago a shell fired from Serb positions exploded in front of Irma, her mother and 13 other people, most of them children. The shell killed her mother and sent shards of metal into Irma's spine, brain and stomach. She survived this direct assault — but the siege almost killed her.

Irma, with her tomboy-short brown hair, could have been saved easily in any general hospital in Europe. But rebel Serbs have laid siege to Sarajevo for 16 months, denying it food, water, medicines and electricity. Sarajevo's hospitals now function much as medical facilities would have done in the days before electricity and plumbing. If she remained in such conditions, she had no chance.

For six days a Sarajevo surgeon pounded on the doors of the United Nations, desperately trying to get the failing five-year-old child on to a plane that could save her life. On each of those six days more than 15 aircraft, just like the one that flew her out yesterday, left Sarajevo empty. And each day her health failed a little more and the damage to her system became just a little more permanent.

On Sunday night, Irma's condition deteriorated. By yesterday morning her head, full of pressure caused by internal damage, was grotesquely twisted almost backwards, and her tiny hands trembled uncontrollably. She could still move her arms and legs, but she was growing less animated as her pain increased and death drew nearer. "It is probably too late," said Dr Edo Jaganjac, her surgeon, moved to tears as he stood in the hospital's emergency room, staring through the window at the rain and at Irma being loaded into an armoured white UN ambulance. "It is the usual way for the UN," he said bitterly.

EYEWITNESS SARAJEVO



By Joel Brand

"You see, it can be done in a couple of hours when it is necessary and then they come when it is too late. This time they were pushed to do this by the press. This child was not evacuated for humanitarian reasons, but because of the pressure of the media."

On Saturday night Dr Jaganjac came to some of the journalists he had learnt to know over the months. It had become clear, he said, that the UN would allow Irma to die.

There is no procedure to evacuate civilians to save their lives, and UN officials were dodging the surgeon's requests. One UN doctor flew out of Sarajevo on Sunday morning without ever seeing the girl to give her the permission to leave that might save her life.

Dr Jaganjac correctly reasoned that publicity was Irma's only hope. But her case is not the first where the UN has sat idly by while Sarajevans died.

In January a number of residents of an old people's home froze to death less than a mile from the UN headquarters building. UN troops visited the home once a week to deliver food, but nothing was done to prevent the pensioners succumbing to the cold. It was not until the foreign press reported the predicament of those residents still that the UN acted. Months of pleas from the home's management had brought badly needed food, but no heating.

And, in recent days, as the West contemplates air strikes against the Serbs, the UN has been trying to minimise the plight of Irma and the other 300,000 Sarajevans trapped under siege for more than a year. The UN is against air strikes and appears to have launched a campaign to convince the world they are unnecessary.

With the UN shamed by the story of one little girl left to die, that momentarily changed yesterday. For the first time in weeks, a UN official spoke of the war the Serbs are waging against a civilian population and of the other children. "Every single day of the past year three children have been killed. Three of this girl's playmates have died as a result of sniper fire and shelling," said Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. "Certainly if this war should continue and the siege of Sarajevo continues, many more of this girl's playmates will die."

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Serb forces give up strategic hill above Bosnian capital

FROM TIM JUDAH IN PALE AND GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BOSNIAN Serb forces yesterday began a limited withdrawal from Mount Bjelasnica, one of two strategic mountains at the gates of Sarajevo. Serb sources said that some infantry and artillery had begun to pull back from the mountain in accordance with an agreement made with the United Nations on Sunday and commitments given by politicians.

Officials said that they expected the withdrawals from Mount Bjelasnica and Mount Igman to take at least a week. The pullout began on the day that Nato ambassadors in Brussels discussed air strikes against Serb targets around Sarajevo.

Serb forces have promised to withdraw from the two mountains on condition that UN troops replace them rather than the predominantly Muslim Bosnian army, which recently lost most of both mountains in the face of a fierce Serb assault.

Progress was also reported to have been made yesterday in discussions with the UN over opening two new aid corridors into the besieged city. Barry Frewer, the UN spokesman, confirmed the withdrawal from Mount Bjelasnica, but said Serb tanks and artillery were still in place on nearby Mount Igman.

Peace negotiations in Geneva, due to resume later last night, were suspended last Wednesday after Bosnian President Izetbegovic demanded that the Serbs pull back from both mountains. There was no firm indication from the Muslim side in either Bosnia or Geneva whether they considered the Serb pullout from Bjelasnica a sufficient sign of good faith to discuss peace.

Mr Frewer told reporters in Sarajevo: "The Serb flag is down from Bjelasnica and there is no sign of Serb troops in the immediate vicinity." Asked to confirm that there were Serb tanks and artillery still on Mount Igman, he said: "They (the Serbs) have not moved from Igman."

He said three UN reconnaissance teams set off early yesterday for Bjelasnica and Igman and the intention was to install UN peacekeeping troops on top of Bjelasnica later in the day.

Although Sarajevo remained relatively quiet, there was no significant let-up in fighting on other war fronts in former Yugoslavia. Croatian radio reported a fresh Serb artillery attack on the Maslenica bridge, which links northern and southern Croatia.

Still divided over air strikes against Serbian troops besieging Sarajevo, Nato governments met in Brussels in an attempt to resolve the dispute between America and its allies whether bombing raids are the right way of saving the Bosnian capital.

Although some American officials tried to create the impression that the meeting of ambassadors from Nato's 16 countries might make a final decision, no such clarity seemed likely. Nato's planners have graded the kinds of Serb targets which could be attacked from the air in order to prevent the "strangulation" of Sarajevo. But even if these plans are approved, three more discussions would be required before any planes flew sorties from bases in northern Italy.



Riding shotgun: Bosnian Serb soldiers leaving Mount Igman; the troop withdrawals are expected to take a week

Mentally ill face being dumped on the streets

FROM REUTER IN ZAGREB

AN ENVOY for the World Health Organisation said yesterday that scores of mentally ill patients may soon be turned out into the streets of Sarajevo because the besieged city has no electricity to keep a psychiatric unit running.

Sir Donald Acheson, a special WHO envoy, urged Sarajevo's city government to find some way to avoid shutting down the psychiatric wing of Kosevo hospital. "I can think of no circumstances, not even if there's a war in the streets outside a hospital, where you should discharge . . . deranged and psychotic patients with nowhere to go into the street," he said.

He was speaking after returning from the Bosnian capital to evaluate the effects of poor nutrition, lack of water and electricity on the city's 350,000 inhabitants after 16 months under Serb siege. Sir Donald said that "they are even considering the desperate contingency of closing the only psychiatric (ward) in town, with 200 beds."

Only 50 of the 200 patients could count on obtaining state-funded shelter if discharged, he said. The rest would be left to fend for themselves.

Red tape binds officials who choose cases for evacuation from Sarajevo

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

■ Britain has extended a helping hand to the UNHCR over evacuation procedures, but after criticism the UN has defended its highly restrictive rulings

THE United Nations was the target yesterday of public anger because of its failure to evacuate Irma Hadzimuratovic, five, from Sarajevo until the pressure of world opinion forced it to do so.

But the UN knows it is embroiled in red tape. It has a cumbersome procedure to select patients for evacuation which depends on a four-person committee that is meant to meet only every 15 to 21 days.

The official guidelines for evacuation, obtained by *The Times*, spell out stringent conditions for the sick and wounded to qualify, including an imminent threat to the patient's "essential functions" and the certainty that the patient would benefit from the medical treatment abroad in the long term.

Irma's Bosnian surgeon pleaded for days for the girl to be flown out. John Major "cut through the red tape" by offering help to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, according to Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary.

UN officials defend the highly restrictive rules, saying that they had to control the overwhelming demand to leave the besieged Bosnian capital. "In a city under siege you have a waiting list of 230,000 people who want to leave," said one UN official.

But the Muslim-led Bosnian government contends that the UN is too restrictive, particularly in evacuating those suffering from illnesses not related to the war, and should abandon its practice of examining every patient. "The United Nations should act on the request of the Bosnian government or non-governmental organisations because frankly there is no need for the United Nations to make their own evaluation of children's condition," said Mohammed Sacirbey, Bosnia's UN ambassador. "There is only a need for them to facilitate travel."

The UN guidelines on evacuation lays out five specific medical criteria for evacuation. These say that evacuation should take place if "a patient's essential function is threatened in the short term" or "the patient cannot be treated locally given the medical possibilities, even considering possible support to the medical structures".

The guidelines also say evacuation should take place if "the patient's condition will *certainly* benefit from the evacuation".

All requests for evacuation from doctors or non-governmental organisations or individuals and governments abroad must be made to the UNHCR's health unit in Sarajevo, where the case is registered. A medical assessment then takes place with a clinical examination of the patient and a discussion with the patient's doctor.

The case description is then passed on to the UN Committee for Medical Evacuations, which meeets every 15 to 21 days. The committee is chaired by the senior medical co-ordinator of UNHCR and also comprises the chief medical officer of the UN Protection Force, the health co-ordinator of the UN Children's Fund and the medical officer of the World Health Organisation.

☐ Strasbourg: United Nations bureaucrats are delaying food and medical aid for rump Yugoslavia, putting at special risk children, pregnant women and the elderly, the Council of Europe said.

The 31-nation body said that a council delegation had urged its parliamentary assembly president to review UN sanctions on Serbia and Montenegro. *(Reuter)*

Kohl says Bonn coffers stay shut

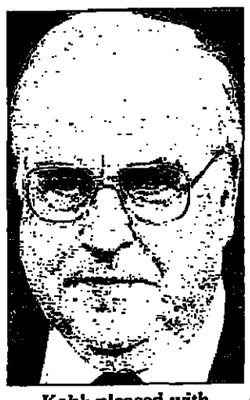
BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CHANCELLOR Helmut Kohl said yesterday that Serbia would not get "a single German mark" to help with post-war rebuilding, as punishment for aggression in former Yugoslavia.

He also gave his backing to limited use of airpower against military targets in Bosnia with the approval of the United Nations Security Council. In the advance text of a television interview which was being transmitted yesterday evening, Herr Kohl said that Germany was sticking to its long-held line that "we will not recognise border changes which are achieved by force".

"One of the big mistakes was not to make clear at the start that whatever the aggressor achieves, whatever Serbia achieves and to some extent has already achieved, in the end it will not pay for Serbia," the chancellor said in the interview, which was recorded in Austria.

"When the war ends and Serbia and other participants in the war need money for reconstruction, I tell you, not a single German mark for an aggressor who has invaded others with bloody force and taken the spoils." Herr Kohl said that he was pleased that Nato was trying to find ways to implement the United States initiative for air strikes in order to force the Bosnian Serbs to ease their stranglehold on the city of Sarajevo.



Kohl: pleased with the Nato initiative

"What President Clinton is considering, and I agree with it, is that under certain circumstances one can use military planes very precisely against military targets," he said. The US initiative has met stiff resistance from other European countries, notably Britain, France and Denmark, which fear such intervention could aggravate the fighting."

Germany has airmen on board Nato aircraft helping monitor a UN air exclusion zone over Bosnia. But there is no question of German ground troops being deployed in the former Yugoslavia or of German aircraft being used for strikes. This is partly because of the political controversy which is surrounding the use of German soldiers abroad and partly for fear of exacerbating war memories.

☐ Tirana: European Community observers here said yesterday that two Albanian soldiers and a farmer were inside Albanian territory when they were shot by Serbian border guards last week. The EC observers n in Albania, have visited the sites of the shooting. *(Reuter)*

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Clinton tries to enlist liberal Republicans in battle for reform

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

■ The president's strategy for pushing through his agenda is now to win over some Republican allies. Leading Republicans see more profit in all-out opposition

THE WHITE House is trying to enlist the support of moderate Republicans to build a broad-based centrist coalition to help push through President Clinton's legislative agenda for the rest of his term.

The need to embrace Republicans could amount to one of the administration's most important strategic decisions so far, and results directly from last week's tie-breaker budget vote in the Senate, which was too close for comfort for the president. The new strategy will be tested soon in two key areas of policy, the reform of the health care system, possibly one of the most controversial pieces of domestic legislation ever undertaken, and the ratification of the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) with Canada and Mexico, for which Republican support is vital since many Democrats remain fiercely opposed.

On the surface, the aim of this strategic shift is to avoid embarrassing defeats, such as the successful Republican filibuster of the president's economic stimulus plan earlier in the year, and to avoid paying expensive bribes to Democrat legislators in order to enlist their support. To clinch his narrow budget victory last week, President Clinton had to make a whole series of promises to Democrats, as a result of which he will now have to draw up a supplementary budget later in the year.

More importantly for Mr Clinton in the long run, a policy to embrace moderate Republicans would highlight some of the deep divisions in that party, especially on economic policy. Some Republicans, weary of their all-out minority status and in principle sympathetic to the new president's political agenda, would be more than willing to become part of the governmental process.

But others, and especially the Republican leadership, are wary for fear of exposing the party's internal divisions and because some — including Senator Robert Dole, the Republican minority leader in the Senate, and Senator Phil Gramm — still harbour presidential ambitions. For them, all-out opposition to Mr Clinton appears a more profitable course.

The cracks in the Republican Party were highlighted last month, when a number of Republican senators voted with the Democratic majority to break a filibuster over campaign finance reform. Senator Gramm was so outraged at their behaviour that he walked into the party's campaign room and took their pictures off the wall, declaring later that "it was just a little joke".

The most consistent Republican dissident is Senator James Jeffords of Vermont. Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island is another, especially on health care reform. A sign of his moderate views is that television talks no longer pitch him against Jay Rockefeller, his Democratic counterpart on the issue. Other moderates to watch out for are Dave Durenberger of Minnesota, John Danforth of Missouri and William Cohen of Maine. Apart from those, there are a few who alternate between the moderate and the conservative camp.

Inside the White House, the strategy to embrace the Republicans is most strongly advocated by David Gergen, President Clinton's counsellor, a former Republican himself, who since his appointment in June has emerged as the strongman in the Clinton team. The president's political agenda, especially controversial items such as health care reform, the overhaul of the welfare state, and the passing of tough bills on crime and immigration, will invariably need cross-party consensus, as the Democratic liberals are almost certain to balk at each of them.

Republicans, seven votes short of a majority in the Senate, entertain high hopes for next year's election of one third of the Senate, when a large number of Democratic senators will be up for re-election.

If the Republicans recapture the Senate, the White House will have no choice but to embrace moderate Republicans, who will then emerge as the key power brokers in American politics.



Gergen: has emerged as White House strongman



High flyer: Widnall's appointment as the first woman secretary of the US air force worried some top brass

Pentagon keeps women at bay

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

WHO will succeed General Colin Powell? The gossip at the Pentagon these days is of little else. A hugely popular figure within the military as well as with the public, he will step down at the end of next month as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Jockeying to be his successor is under way in earnest among senior ranks. And yesterday Mr Clinton was urged to consider a woman for the job.

The idea came from Lawrence Korb, an assistant defence secretary under Ronald Reagan and now a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, a Washington "think tank". He asked in *The New York Times* if now was not the time, since Sheila Widnall had become secretary of the air force, making her the first woman to be the civilian head of a military department, to select a chairwoman of the joint chiefs or at least make a woman one of the chiefs?

Among the top male brass Mr Korb's view was dismissed as naïve. One colonel huffed that women lacked combat experience — not surprising since they were until recently excluded from all combat roles and are still barred from the infantry.

No women have been invited to a dinner at the White House this evening for America's 15 leading military commanders from around the world, all of them eligible for General Powell's job. The shortest odds are on General Joseph Hoar, head of US Central Command, who planned the recent strikes on Iraq and who supervises US operations in Somalia. He would be the first chairman from the US Marine Corps.

Another strong contender is General Merrill McPeak, a former Vietnam fighter pilot. The army's leading candidate is General John Shalikashvili, the Polish-born commander of Nato who will oversee any US air strikes in Bosnia.

Mr Clinton, as commander-in-chief, has endured rocky relations with his armed forces, who have viewed his avoidance of the Vietnam draft and his push to admit homosexuals to their ranks with profound scepticism. He must tread carefully in choosing General Powell's successor.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain lifts arms embargo on Angola

London: Britain has lifted its arms embargo on Angola saying that the "legitimate right of self-defence" of the Luanda government in its struggle against the rebel National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) justified the move (Our Diplomatic Staff write).

Reports from São Tomé said fighting raged yesterday in the besieged government stronghold of Cuito and state radio said 150 people died during the day. Unita guerrillas were reported to have abducted the city's Catholic bishop, Dom Pedro Luis Antonio, on Sunday. "The city is under intense fire. There are many corpses in the streets," according to a radio station, monitored in the island state of São Tomé and Principe. It said residents were trapped in their homes without food.

£1m awarded

Sydney: Lynda Christensen, 42, an Australian woman, who suffered severe brain damage during an abortion in 1987, has been awarded £1 million damages. Her ventilator was accidentally turned off and she was deprived of oxygen and had an epileptic fit. A Sydney hospital and the gynaecologist involved admitted liability. *(Reuter)*

Storm toll rises

Miami: Rescue workers in Caracas continued to dig through mud and collapsed buildings as the death toll from tropical storm Bret rose above 100. Six hours of torrential rain and vicious wind at the weekend caused mudslides in the shanty towns on Mount Avila above the Venezuelan capital.

Officer executed

Rabat: A Moroccan police commissioner who forced women to take part in orgies in Casablanca was executed, convicted of sexual violence and multiple rape. Mohammad Mustapha Tabet said he had had sex with 1,600 women in three years. *(Reuter)*

Lagos arrests

Lagos: Nigerian security agents arrested ten people at the home of Beko Ransome-Kuti, the detained leader of a pro-democracy group, according to his daughter, Funmi. They took documents which belonged to the Campaign for Democracy. *(Reuter)*

Nauru paid off

Nauru: Australia will pay the Pacific republic of Nauru $Aus 73 million (£33.5 million) for environmental destruction because of phosphate mining. Canberra will ask New Zealand and Britain, who were also Nauru's former colonial rulers, to contribute. *(AP)*

Delayed birth

Morristown: A woman, 46, has given birth to twin boys nearly three weeks apart, doctors said at a hospital here in New Jersey. Delivery of the 3lb second baby was delayed to increase his odds of survival, after the first was born early, weighing 1lb 4oz. *(AFP)*

Oldest game

Taipei: Two Taiwanese women, both 78, told police they had become prostitutes as they could not resist their sexual urges. Since May, 50 prostitutes over the age of 60 have been arrested. Almost all were working to make a living, officers said. *(AFP)*

Hollywood holds its breath as 'madam' goes to court

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

SENTIMENTS ranged from eager expectation to deep foreboding yesterday, as residents of Hollywood waited for Heidi Fleiss, the alleged "madam" of Tinseltown's most profitable prostitution ring, to make her first court appearance.

Ms Fleiss, 27, was due to be arraigned on five felony counts of selling or transporting drugs and pandering "by procuring for prostitution". Her clients, according to those who claim to know, include many top movie executives and film celebrities.

Last week Ms Fleiss offered to release the names of her clients to any publisher willing to pay her $1 million (£670,000). She has since retracted that statement, leaving Hollywood's gossip-mongers to survive on an expanding diet of pure conjecture.

The *New York Post* suggested that, even as she prepared for her court appearance, Ms Fleiss may have been continuing business as usual, and dispatching her call-girls to as far afield as New York. "I certainly wouldn't deny it ... all she has to do is pick up the phone," said Captain Glen Ackerman of the Los Angeles vice squad.

Speculation continues to focus on Ms Fleiss's "little black book" in which she allegedly kept a list of her clients. The police, it transpires, have assembled their own "list of names, addresses," Captain Ackerman told the *New York Post*. "It serves no purpose ... We have nothing to charge them with."

That may do little to calm the frayed nerves of Ms Fleiss's alleged customers. Some Hollywood notables have started to behave very oddly indeed. Last week Mike Nathanson, the president of Columbia Picture's worldwide production, issued a statement denying he had anything to do with Ms Fleiss. This was considered peculiar, since no one had publicly linked him with the scandal.

Columbia executives are reported to be carrying out an investigation into whether executives used company money to pay for Ms Fleiss's services. The studio refused to comment yesterday.

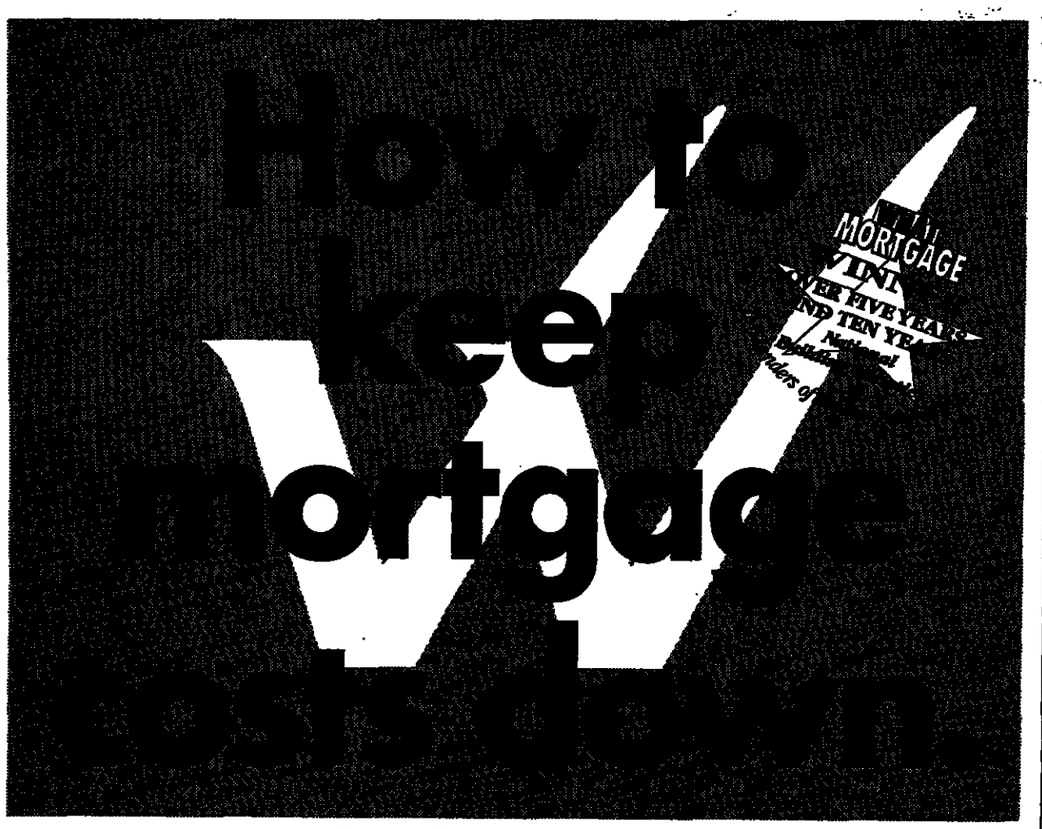
Meanwhile, a clearer picture of Ms Fleiss's alleged business methods emerged. According to news reports, Ms Fleiss habitually made secret tape-recordings of her clients, which she would replay to their answering machines to encourage payment of overdue bills.

The principal witnesses in the case are expected to be three of Ms Fleiss's employees, who are apparently disgruntled because she underpaid them. "The prostitutes who are going to be testifying against Heidi are the victims," Captain Ackerman said. "Heidi victimised these young women ... and she is facing some hard time." If convicted, Ms Fleiss faces up to 11 years in prison.



Fleiss: speculation over her little black book

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UN calls in more troops for push against Somali warlord's forces

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

UNITED NATIONS commanders in the south of Mogadishu began plans yesterday for a build-up of troops ahead of an operation to sweep the city clean of weapons and attempt to capture General Muhammad Farrah Aidid.

UN sources hold General Aidid's militia responsible for the mine explosion which killed four American soldiers in Mogadishu on Sunday. Explosives experts said that the mine, which left an 8ft crater 3ft deep in a road, had probably been detonated by remote control.

General Aidid denied any connection with the ambush. Hussein Dimbil, his spokesman, said his movement had "absolutely nothing" to do with the blast. Hussein Dimbil, a spokesman for thr general's Somali National Association said the Medina district of the capital where the blast occurred was "completely independent" of the SNA.

Expressing regret about what had happened, Dimbil blamed the incident on people who wanted to stir up trouble between the SNA and the UN.

The increasingly sophisticated tactics employed by guerrillas have split opinion in Washington. In Mogadishu the UN's military spokesman, Major David Stockwell, summed up the problem facing the force of UN and US soldiers.

"The militias are very cunning, they know their business, but this adds a new dimension. We are no longer just dealing with small arms and sniper fire," he said.The unease has undermined Congress support for the mission. Senator Robert Dole (Democrat) said that he expected pressure on the executive to order a withdrawal of US forces from Somalia to grow in Congress. Tom Foley, the House Speaker, said: "We shouldn't allow this cat-and-mouse game to go on in which Americans take casualties and Aidid escapes capture. If we don't suppress this last pocket of active attack on our forces, I think we are going to see other casualties."

He rejected suggestions that the US should withdraw from Somalia. "It would be a sad commentary on the effectiveness of both the UN mission and our participation in it," he said.

President Clinton said that he expected the "appropriate action" to be taken against those responsible for the landmine. But any major offensive against General Aidid and other militia leaders may have to wait until UN troops have been reinforced.

UN sources in Mogadishu said that they wanted to "swamp" the city with troops in any major operation, both to control civilian protesters and search for arms caches. A contingent of about 5,000 Indian troops is expected in Mogadishu at the end of the month. This would bring the strength of UN soldiers there to about 18,000.

Steve Rifkind, director of Save the Children (UK) in Mogadishu, said that his staff were "taking things easy" after the deaths of the Americans. "The city has an air of very unusual quiet. Everyone is waiting to see how the US reacts. The Somalis are nervous, we are not taking any risks whatsoever," he said.

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Japan's cabinet grandmaster puts his pawns in place



The toast: Mr Hosokawa raises a glass to his coalition cabinet

*The man behind Japan's new government embraces reform but only to let his prime minister go his own way on the world stage, **Joanna Pitman** writes from Tokyo*

TODAY'S formal inauguration by Emperor Akihito of a new coalition government is only the beginning of a process of political realignment expected to create a more right-wing, more nationally confident Japan that the West will find harder to bargain with.

The seven-party coalition, which is forcing the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) into opposition for the first time in 38 years, is dominated by ambitious former ruling party politicians determined to place Japan in a stronger position on the international political stage. Just as with the LDP, the coalition has a public face. Morihiro Hosokawa, the new prime minister, but is driven from behind the scenes by Ichiro Ozawa, a kingmaker and a man of few public words who is believed to be playing a game that will effectively neutralise Japan's dwindling left wing and open the way for the country to become a more assertive world political power.

Mr Hosokawa yesterday appointed a colourful multi-party cabinet, but Mr Ozawa's influence on it has clearly been as real as had been rumoured. At the same time the new cabinet reflects Mr Hosokawa's obligation to share power among all seven of the coalition parties.

Tsutomu Hata, leader of the Japan Renewal Party (JRP) of LDP defectors and until two months ago a fast-rising member of the ruling party, is the only man with previous cabinet experience, although Mr Ozawa, of course, has also served as an LDP cabinet member.

Despite Mr Hosokawa's obligations to other parties, the JRP has captured a fine haul of the most important portfolios — foreign, finance, agriculture, defence and international trade and industry. The rest of the cabinet pickings have been divided among the leaders and senior officials of the other parties.

With an eye on his campaign promises to clean up Japan's money-driven politics, Mr Hosokawa has created a new post of state minister for political reform, a hot-potato that has been handed to Sadao Yamahana, leader of the Socialist Democratic Party (SDP), the largest coalition party. If political reform fails, or is shown to be ineffective, the Socialists will be blamed.

Much has been made of the three women appointees — Wakako Hironaka to head the environment agency, Manae Kubota, the economic planning agency and Ryoko Akamatsu, the education ministry. LDP cabinets notoriously tended to exclude women. A non-politician, Akira Mikazuki, 72, emeritus professor of law at Tokyo University, Japan's Oxbridge, is to be justice minister, completing a line-up that Mr Hosokawa described yesterday as "an excellent team".

The toppling of the old LDP camp and the creation of what looks like a genuine multi-party political system, is only Mr Ozawa's opening gambit. By leading his followers out of the LDP six weeks ago to form the JRP, one of three new LDP breakaway parties, he offered voters a first-ever credible alternative to the corrupt LDP.

The SDP, traditional vehicle for LDP protest votes, lost half its seats, and the left-wing in the lower house of the Diet now accounts for just 85 of the chamber's 511 seats, 15 of which are those of the Japan Communist Party, which is outside the coalition. Mr Ozawa has further weakened the left-wing by luring the SDP into the coalition and forcing it to dilute at least three of its traditional policies: that the self-defence forces are unconstitutional, that Japanese participation in United Nations missions is unconstitutional, and that peaceful use of nuclear energy is unacceptable.

The new government has not yet made clear what its policies are to be, but Mr Ozawa has offered an outline of his own ambitions on the world stage in *Blueprints for Building a New Japan*, which has sold a quarter of a million copies in the past two months.

Japan must become an "international nation", he writes, by first accepting the roles the world community expects it to shoulder. He believes that maintaining article nine of the constitution, renouncing war and the use of force, is isolationist pacificsm and only encourages the West to see Japan as a free rider, benefiting from the world's trading system but doing little to protect it.

While he favours strong security links with America, Mr Ozawa does not prescribe a slavish devotion to US priorities. He believes Japan should be able to take the political leadership in the region and represent an Asian view of the world.

But he is far too skilful a politician to reveal too much in his book, and his endgame is veiled in mystery. While he has carefully aligned himself with the populist "political reform" trends, it is likely that his version of reform would be merely to create a system empowering the prime minister to make his own decisions on the international stage.



The ladies: Hironaka, on the left, Kubota, centre, and Akamatsu

Arafat holds strongest cards in PLO power game

■ Once again, Yassir Arafat is likely to emerge unscathed from a crisis within the PLO. To left-wing Israelis, he is the only person capable of delivering peace

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

ALTHOUGH his followers are in open revolt, his administration is penniless and his credibility is shot to pieces, the PLO chairman Yassir Arafat may yet emerge victorious from the crisis within the Palestinian leadership.

Written off two years ago as the only Arab leader foolish enough to back the "wrong horse" in the Gulf war, Mr Arafat has proved yet again this week that he is central to resolving the Palestinian problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Yesterday the entire Palestinian delegation to the Middle East peace talks, led by Haidar Abdel-Shafi, the chief delegate, arrived at the PLO's headquarters in Tunis to meet Mr Arafat, after three key members of their team resigned in protest at his conciliatory attitude towards Israel and his high-handed manner towards them.

The resignation of Faisal Husseini, the leader of the delegation, Hanan Ashrawi, the spokeswoman and Saeb Erekat, the deputy leader, could spell the end of the peace process, launched in October 1991 at Madrid. It will probably also bring to a close Israeli and American attempts to encourage the emergence of a Palestinian leadership from within the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, which could negotiate peace with Israel free of interference from the banned PLO.

Yesterday Yitzhak Rabin, the prime minister of Israel, put a brave face on the debacle, insisting that the Palestinians were free to choose their own delegates to the talks, but adding that Israel would only sit down with representatives of the occupied territories. Privately, however, Israeli officials are doubtful that a new team can be raised that would exclude Mr Husseini, the most prominent Palestinian figure in Arab east Jerusalem.

After ten rounds of talks lasting 22 months, Israel's direct negotiations with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation have achieved next to nothing. Officials in Israel and the Arab world have come to the conclusion that no real progress is possible between Israel and its Arab neighbours until there is a sign of movement on the Palestinian question. Equally, it has now been confirmed, the Palestinian academics, lawyers and doctors who make up the negotiating team are no substitutes for Mr Arafat.

Among left-wing Israelis the conclusion that Mr Arafat is the only person capable of delivering a peace agreement is the vindication of months of campaigning, both in public an privately, to open dialogue with an organisation still routinely referred to as "terrorist" in the Israeli press.

The left, which has a majority in the Knesset (Israeli parliament), successfully repealed the law banning contacts between Israeli citizens and the PLO earlier this year, then set about encouraging secret contacts between members of the government and PLO figures. The dovish environment minister, Yossi Sarid, held the first public encounter in Cairo with Nabil Shaath, the PLO representative, with the consent of Mr Rabin.

Not only is the PLO leader treated with growing suspicion by the disillusioned two million inhabitants of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, where Islamic militants are gaining support, but he will also have to satisfy the desires of millions of Palestinians living outside their country, whose hopes of returning one day to their homes are not even addressed in the current dialogue.

His difficulties are compounded by the financial state of the PLO, which is forcing the organisation into severe cost-cutting measures to stave off possible bankruptcy.

As some 500 Lebanese soldiers in armoured personnel carriers and lorries filed into southern Lebanon yesterday for the first time in a decade, they were showered with rice and rosewater, the traditional greeting from Shia Muslim villagers.



Abdel-Shafi: heading the PLO delegation to Tunis for crisis talks with its chairman, Yassir Arafat



Under the rainbow: a model shows how to brighten a wet day with a coat by Paco Rabanne, the French designer, at the Berlin international fashion fair. The colourful hood is attached at the shoulders and ties under the chin

Police search for township arms as death toll rises

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

IN THE thick winter mist at 4am, an hour before the first glimmer of dawn in the township of Katlehong, 15 miles southeast of Johannesburg's city centre, police and soldiers sealed off the Mavimbela area and began a house-to-house search for weapons.

This was first big operation since the troubled townships of the East Rand were flooded with security forces, drafted in from neighbouring provinces. In groups of three or four, soldiers and police knocked on doors, ordered the residents outside and searched them and their houses. The troops also cleared the makeshift barricades which block almost every road there.

After seven hours the sweep yielded one homemade gun and one tear-gas grenade. Five people were arrested for having marijuana and two were held as illegal immigrants.

The death toll in the East Rand has almost reached 200 since the beginning of August. Overnight, police said, six people were shot dead at a party in Daveyton, five bodies were found in a blazing car in Vosloorus and a man was killed in Katlehong when a grenade exploded in his pocket. Twenty-seven bodies were found on Sunday, ten on Saturday and seven on Friday. The month's total for the area stood at 181.

The township civil war, largely carried out by rival supporters of the African National Congress and the Inkatha Freedom Party, is throwing doubt on the timetable to democracy agreed at the multi-party talks attempting to draw up an interim constitution for a non-racial, democratic South Africa. Unless the violence can be ended, said Peter Harris, chairman of the Wits-Vaal peace secretariat and one of the leading peace monitors, at the weekend, no free and fair election could be held in the region. The first democratic election is scheduled to take place on April 27.

Inkatha, which is boycotting the negotiations because it believes it is being railroaded by previous agreements between the ANC and the government, spent yesterday meeting in Ulundi, capital of KwaZulu, the self-governing black homeland, weighing up whether to rejoin the talks. A split in the party has become apparent between those led by Joe Matthews, the party's chief executive, who feel that sufficient concession has been made towards their point of view by the ANC and the government during bilateral talks over the past two weeks, and those represented by Walter Felgate, who advises Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the party leader, who feel that more is to be gained by staying away.

Indian torturers fail to break Kashmir's will

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SRINAGAR

MASROOF Sultan, 19, takes off his shirt to reveal ten bullet wounds and the scars of torture by electric shock. A doctor's report states that bullet injuries were sustained to the right thigh, left thigh, both arms, neck, chest and head. That he lived is embarrassing to those who shot him; he is scared they will come back to complete the job.

His story tells much about the tactics of Indian security forces in Kashmir. The official version is that he was shot in crossfire, which must be dismissed as nonsense by anybody who has seen Mr Sultan's multiple wounds.

According to him, he was put up against a tree by soldiers from the Border Security Force, a paramilitary group, and shot by men with rifles. He said he was shot again when he was seen to be alive. A third wave of bullets smashed into him to make sure.

"An officer put his hand in front of my mouth to feel if I was breathing. I held my breath. I was semi-conscious," he said. He has had four operations so far, and doctors say he needs two more. He cannot walk properly because his thigh was broken and his knees were injured, he says, from being beaten with sticks during interrogation. The doctor's report, from the bone and joint hospital in Srinagar, is unequivocal in its prognosis: "Permanent disability".

Mr Sultan says he wants to go abroad, away from Kashmir, away from India, because he is afraid. His father nods assent, aware that his son can never fearlessly live at home again. Until recently, before soldiers ordered him off a bus and decided he was a militant, he was a science student.



He said bare wires were attached to his penis and big toes, then water thrown over him. "I was given three shocks. I lost my senses. Blood came from my nose and mouth. They beat my knees with sticks." After the torture he was taken away and outside a building used by the Border Security Force he said he was shot.

No young man in Kashmir is safe from the security forces. That is why so many of them live in refugee camps on the Pakistan side of Kashmir. It is hard to find anyone, young or old, in the Kashmir valley who does not want Kashmir to be allowed to secede from India. Most favour independence rather than joining Pakistan.

Maulvi Omar Farooq, 19, the chief Islamic religious head in Kashmir, openly encourages rebellion. He succeeded to the position after his father was shot by unknown assassins three years ago. His Friday prayers can draw more than 10,000 people, and usually the worshippers leave fired with zeal. Fridays can be a violent day in Srinagar.

"India has failed in Kashmir on all fronts," the maulvi says. "The only way it can stop the revolt of the people is to kill them, because we have no intention of stopping ... We have taken up arms because we want the right of self-determination.

"India and Pakistan cannot alone solve this conflict: the most important party to the dispute is the Kashmiri people, who have been ignored. We will not be ignored any longer."

Bernard Levin, page 14

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Never quite a secret agent

Roger Cooper's life of adventure led to a sentence of 'death plus ten years' from the Ayatollah Khomeini. **Peter Taylor** met a man who is never out of trouble

Roger Cooper's languidly-delivered *et ceteras* speak volumes. "I was arrested, thrown into jail, charged with being a spy, *et cetera, et cetera*." He is referring, not to the fateful afternoon in December 1985 when he was snatched from the streets of Tehran by the Iranian secret police, but the Hungarian revolution in 1956. People seem to have thought Roger Cooper a spy for most of his life.

Despite an apparently forgiving nature, that early Hungarian episode still rankles. He was a second-year Oxford student when he decided impulsively to drive an old Volkswagen full of antibiotics to Budapest. The authorities at St John's College took as dim a view of the mission as the Hungarian communists. He was rusticated and not invited to resume his studies. "I don't really fit into England very well," he says. "It probably stems from being sent down."

He is something of a celebrity now, pictured with such luminaries as Brian Clough, the former football manager, and the snooker player John Parrot, in his recent book about being the Ayatollah Khomeini's prisoner, *Death Plus Ten Years*. It turned out to be five and a half years (minus the death sentence), and in the two years since his release he has had time not only to ruminate on the experience, but to produce some snapshots of an unusually flamboyant life.

In the north London home of his daughter by his first wife, an Iranian, he insouciantly admits to one slender link with the world of espionage. Completing his national service, he was seconded "somewhat against my will" into British army intelligence. "For a very short time I think I was attached to MI something-or-other, but not 5 or 6. Twelve, or something."

Asked whether, like many another foreign correspondent, he was approached by an intelligence service, he picks his words carefully: "It never happened to me, as such." But he is matter-of-fact about the ambiguous relationship between roving journalists and diplomats: the initial visit to the embassy for off-the-record "guidance"; an equally informal chat later, when the diplomat might casually enquire how the story had gone. "There's a very grey area: both trying to find out about the country they are in."

It was the sort of unexceptional routine which got him into trouble with the Shah long before the Ayatollah came along. Working in Tehran as a teacher and freelance journalist, Mr Cooper inaugurated regular lunches for other correspondents and diplomats "organised by my American wife, wife number two".

Savak, the Shah's secret police, were far from pleased. "The Shah was paranoid about this sort of thing. If you allow foreign journalists to get together it's rather like a jigsaw puzzle — this person will know *this*, and someone else will fit *that* together. He wanted to keep us all separate, and give us caviar for Christmas."

Mr Cooper left Iran a year before the Shah's fall, after persistent harassment from Savak. "They were giving me a really hard time, accusing me of being the head of MI6, 'station chief' or whatever it's called." The Ayatollah's own secret police — often the same people — inherited a bulging Savak dossier.

> They said they'd keep me until I confessed. I thought: 'Bloody hell, I don't have a lot of choice'

He had returned to Iran to work for an oil company when he was snatched and thrown into Tehran's notorious Evin prison, accused once more of being a spy. His chief interrogator, "Hosein", who wore a white mask with slits for the eyes, beat him relentlessly.

Hosein removed his mask when bored, threatening to push a ballpoint pen in his victim's left ear and out of his right one if Mr Cooper dared to catch sight of his face. Although he never saw him, the prisoner eventually came to know his tormentor quite well.

"He was a university graduate from a lower middle class family, and his field was electrical engineering.

"He was different from the other interrogators, who worked a nine-to-five day. He had no other 'clients', as they called us — I was his only one. He had no office or desk in Evin, and when he had seen me he left."

To Mr Cooper's delight, Hosein occasionally allowed the mask, in a sense, to slip. "We always spoke in Persian, and although he told me he had never been to England I realised that he had. He asked me once about cricket, and went to on say that you had a piece of grass and that you rolled a big black ball from one end to the other. Now anyone who's seen that game has almost certainly seen it in England.

"I remembered that just opposite the old Iranian Embassy, where the Serpentine begins, there's a bowling green. So I knew at once that's where he must have gone for a stroll some summer's evening."

Not unreasonably, Mr Cooper's forbearance has its limits. "You can't hit back, or it gets worse. I could have beaten the shit out of him because he was a fairly little guy." He wriggles his stockinged feet, and shudders. "Just thinking about it all makes my toes tingle." Then he says with a half-smile: "I did hear that he's had a nervous breakdown since."

The critical time in Evin came after about six months when, held incommunicado, he was persuaded to make a "confession". So far as he was aware, no one — least of all the Foreign Office — knew his whereabouts.

"They said they would keep me there until I confessed, so I thought: 'Bloody hell, I don't really have a lot of choice.'" Seizing on his interrogator's belief that something called the "British Intelligent Service" existed, he dutifully drew up a flow-chart which included the Queen, Mrs Thatcher, and various departmental heads based loosely on characters from Evelyn Waugh's *Sword of Honour* trilogy.

His televised act of penitence — including a reference to the "Intelligent Service" — was, as he intended, spotted in Britain as a spoof. Unfortunately, *The Guardian* clumsily drew attention to the infelicity, which caused trouble back in Tehran. Mr Cooper was resourceful: "I solemnly explained the *Grauniad* joke to them, that they were famous for their misprints."

But the confession backfired badly. Instead of being released, as promised, he was sentenced (in a mockery of a trial) to "death plus ten years", later commuted to 16 years. For two-and-a-half years he was held in solitary confinement in a cell six feet by four feet. When he was taken for questioning, he was always blindfold.

"Then, one Thursday afternoon, an interrogator asked me if I would like to go into the prison garden. When we got there he said, 'Take your blindfold off'. It was a wonderful summer's evening, and you could see right over Tehran with the sun going down on the mountains. I felt like Jesus being shown the world by Satan."



Languid watchfulness: Roger Cooper finds he does not fit in Britain

Years still remained before his release, but Mr Cooper was beginning to feel a certain affinity with his guards, many of whom had seen more cheerful times themselves.

"Before the revolution, when people used to like looking *chic*, one of them had a dry-cleaning shop. Afterwards, people didn't like to let on that they were from the upper classes, so they wore scruffy old clothes like the lower classes. There was also a new rule that you couldn't clean male and female clothes in the same machinery."

This pretty much knocked the stuffing out of the dry-cleaning trade and the man became a prison guard, one of many who would hang around Mr Cooper's cell, occasionally making a feeble effort to learn English.

"They loved talking to me. I was like a rare animal in a zoo. They would ask me questions like, 'Is it true that homosexuals in England get married?'" Since his release ("I just knew I would come out when the conditions were right, and not a moment sooner"), he has returned to his first love of wandering and writing. He rents a farmhouse in northern France ("England's too crowded"), and has been given moreor less *carte blanche* by his publishers to write a travel book.

"They said, 'Anywhere in the world, dear boy, as long as it's somewhere you know about'." Since one of his umpteen languages is Serbo-Croat, he suggested Yugoslavia. "They said 'Oh, er, um, anywhere except Yugoslavia. There are about 24 books in the pipeline already'." It looks as though he may write about Catalonia instead.

There is an odd combination of watchfulness and flippancy in Mr Cooper's manner. He is one of those cultured, middle-class Englishmen who wear a permanent expression of mild amusement at the world's fatuity. Although he appears not to have an imperial instinct in his body, he would have made a formidable district commissioner in some far-flung outpost: firm, but with a bright-eyed interest in all sides of the argument.

Asked about Iran today, he abhors its human rights record but doubts whether the threat of Islamic fundamentalism is all it is cracked up to be: "I think you will find it will gradually wither away."

I wondered whether he thought the Iranians had contrived the entire episode of his arrest and imprisonment, whether it was just a diplomatic incident designed to bring pressure to bear on the British. He contemplated his stockinged feet again, and furrowed his brow. "To be fair to them, they probably *did* think I was a spy."

An epic bout of hypocrisy

Nothing fascinates Hollywood more than its own morality

PERHAPS it is the sea air, or the pressures of working in America's most competitive industry, or simply the moral abandon which comes with excessive wealth and power, but Hollywood scandals have a quality all their own.

The revelations surrounding Heidi Fleiss, the alleged "Madam to the Stars" arraigned yesterday on charges of "pimping, pandering and sale of narcotics", have reawoken in Hollywood a spirit reminiscent of the McCarthyite witch-hunts of the 1950s: a combination of finger-pointing and fear, titillation and undiluted hypocrisy.

The American film industry has always walked a thin line between pride in its own louche ways, and strict moral rectitude. As the single most powerful cultural force in the world, film producers and actors like to think of themselves as moral arbiters. On the other hand, the public nature of their lives ensures that their personal activities are scrutinised with an attention usually reserved for clerics in other countries.



Heidi Fleiss

Thus, Hollywood sets the moral standards, and consistently, with ill-concealed glee, falls below them.

It is no accident that the hand-wringing, pursed lips and panic surrounding Ms Fleiss and her "black book", allegedly containing a complete list of her celebrity clientele, comes at a time when the film industry is particularly obsessed with its self-imposed duties as ethical watchdog.

In recent years film-makers have publicly promised to cut back on gratuitous sex and violence. It is this, perhaps more than the so-far rather mundane details of Ms Fleiss's prostitution industry, which has lent the entire episode a strange air of moral zealotry.

Hollywood's fixation with its own standards of behaviour dates back at least to prohibition. In 1921, the silent movie comedian Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle was charged with the murder of a young woman who had been horribly raped during one of Arbuckle's boozing parties in San Francisco.

Hollywood was outraged, and vengeful, even though the plump star of *Keystone Cops* was acquitted after two mistrials. Angry mobs attacked the screens where his films were playing, his career wilted and he drank himself to death at the age of 46.

"My life has been devoted to the production of clean pictures for the happiness of children." Arbuckle said after he was acquitted. "I shall try to enlarge my field of usefulness so that my art shall have a wider audience." That statement, a cross between a *mea culpa* and self-vindication, bears striking similarities to the statements currently fluttering out of Hollywood from various film executives and celebrities in the wake of the Fleiss furore.

Modern film-makers are also well aware that the merest whiff of impropriety can be fatal, and it is surely a reflection of the industry's own moral ambiguities that when retribution comes it is often swift and merciless. Woody Allen's popularity, for example, may never recover from his messy child-custody battle with Mia Farrow.

"The trouble with the movie industry," the screenwriter Elinor Glyn wrote in the 1920s, is that "so many young people in it get rich suddenly. They are not taught control and it is hard for them to resist temptation." At the time she was writing, industry bosses had become so nervous at the charge they were corrupting American youth that Will Hays, President Harding's postmaster general, was brought in to impose a moral strait-jacket. Not only did Hays control and censor what appeared on screen, he also introduced a morals clause into film contracts permitting actors and actresses to be fired if they aroused the moral outrage of the public.

But that outrage could be, and remains, a fickle beast. When Charlie Chaplin was accused in 1942 of fathering Joan Barry's child and acquitted on charges of transporting a minor across state lines for immoral purposes, the scandal nonetheless pushed him into European exile.

BY CONTRAST, when Errol Flynn was charged and later acquitted of raping two teenage girls aboard his yacht in the same year, his reputation as a Casanova was still more firmly established, his career boomed and the phrase "in like Flynn" entered the American lexicon.

That same moral duality is clearly visible in the Heidi Fleiss saga. While the Los Angeles press huffs and thunders about the ways of the wicked Hollywood madame, the town is simultaneously enthralled. Ms Fleiss, as she herself is only too well aware, has become a star.

While exposing Ms Fleiss's alleged crimes and speculating over which stars or studio executives she may yet implicate, Hollywood's gossips are secretly, but profoundly proud of their newest celebrity, who has once more fulfilled a self-image that is as old as the Hollywood Hills.

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Along the coast there are stretches of magnificent rugged scenery, fishing villages, and 12 miles away another resort well worth visiting. Perros-Guirec with its casino and two more splendid beaches. Riding, tennis and golf are all available close by and there are boat trips to an island. For visitors in search of relaxation rather than exercise there is a seawater therapy centre locally.

The bedrooms are extremely comfortable, in the style of a country manor house, and the dining room, which also looks over the sea, has a domed ceiling in the form of a ship's hull. Here the sea is queen. You can always dine on lobster, but you will also find turbot cooked with artichokes, ravioli of langoustines, red mullet with polenta.

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Smaller populations could mean a return to poverty as well as encounters with the brown bear

It's nonsense, naturally

Would Britain be a happier place with fewer people? An ancient debate begun by Malthus 200 years ago has been rejoined this week at Trinity College, Cambridge, where the first World Optimum Population Conference is being held.

The idea has an undeniable attraction to anybody stuck in a jam on the M25, or shoulder-to-shoulder on the Circle Line. Nostalgia for the more leisured pace of pre-war days, combined with the many irritations of modern life, suggest that things would be better if there were fewer of us.

Such surveys as have been carried out suggest that the idea has a wide public appeal. The people of Buckinghamshire, interviewed in the 1970s, voted 74 per cent for a lower population. But, says the conference's keynote speaker, writer and consultant Jack Parsons, governments have always snorted derisively at the idea. "They argue that you cannot work out an optimum population and even if you could it would change over time. But these are not sufficient reasons for rejecting the notion," he says.

It is obvious enough why the idea appeals. Most people imagine a future population, perhaps half the size of today's, enjoying an infrastructure built up to support double that number. The M25 would be half as crowded, school classes would be divided in two, housing pressures eased.

This rosy view is, of course, based on an economic illusion. In reality, as any traveller on Network SouthEast can attest, nothing breaks down quicker than a public service faced with a falling customer base. Rather than enjoying smaller classes, schools would need to be closed; hospitals would not cut their waiting lists, but would be cut themselves.

The speakers at this week's conference will not, I am sure, fall into this trap. David Richardson, of the department of education at Cambridge, who spoke yesterday, argued the case at an ecological level — ecology having now become a religion at which it is impolitic to scoff. He produced a series of estimates for the British population based on sustainability in food, timber, energy, transport, housing and tourism.

He estimated, for example, that Britain could sustain a population of 41 million by intensive agriculture, or 35 million using more Prince of Wales-approved techniques. Self-sufficiency in timber would imply a population of 15-25 million, and in renewable energy one of 15 to 20 million.



Back to the wild: bears wandering Britain again would probably not appeal to the public

Perhaps his nicest conceit was his estimate that the largest population that can maintain "uneroded and pleasant walks" was 25 million. If the birth, or rather the non-birth, of millions of people is to depend on the maintenance of country walks, then we have really entered the silly season wth a vengeance.

Actually, I could take Mr Richardson on several of my regular walks in Kent that are not only uneroded, but are in danger of being over-brambled unless more people take up walking along them.

Among his other suggestions is the reintroduction of vanished species, such as the wolf, the lynx, the wild boar and the brown bear. The image of a rural utopia where farmers wield scythe and sickle, and brown bears can take pleasant walks, has a certain appeal to environmental romantics but not, I suspect, to the public at large. The last time the British population hit 30 million, Mr Richardson's preferred figure, was in 1881 when the living was hard.

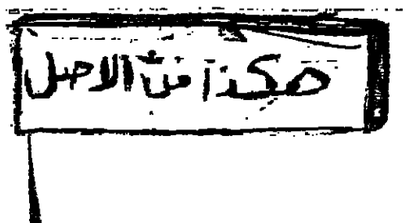
Since then, of course, we have learnt a lot. The 19th century was a time of unprecedented economic and inventive vigour. Economic revolutions coincide with population growth, as they are doing now on the Pacific rim. The historical trend has been the reverse of what those at this week's conference desire.

Rising populations have made life easier, not harder. The suggestion that we should now stop the clock is the instinct of the *rentier*, content to live on the income from capital gathered by earlier generations. It is a luxury available only to the prosperous.

The unspoiled view, the box at Covent Garden and the villa in Tuscany acquire their cachet because they cannot be enjoyed by everybody. The best way of preserving them is to diminish the competition for top positions in the pecking order. For many of its supporters, that is the real appeal of reducing populations.

For most of us, however, life would be no better and might be a lot worse. I hope that somebody at Cambridge this week will argue the case — though the programme gives no evidence that they will.

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Sugar and spiders and all things nice . . . **Dr James Le Fanu** on the reasons that we make a meal out of what we like to eat

Why do we like our favourite food?

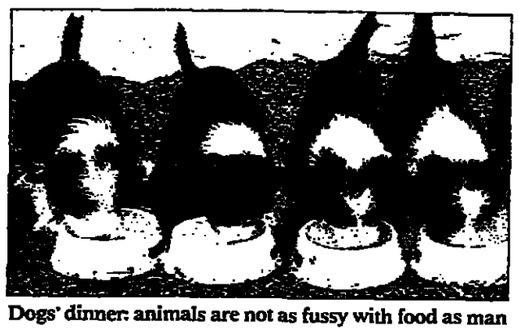
The most highly-rated dog food in Britain today is Midland's Butchers Tripe — a combination of beef and tripe with "no flavourings, colourings or preservatives", run a close second by Hi-Life gourmet beef flavoured with cheddar cheese. This, at least, is the conclusion of Rosemary and Andrew Gasson, the authors of the *Good Dog Food Guide*, based on the reactions of a panel of nine dogs to almost 50 brands of dog food.

It should come as no surprise that dogs should have food preferences based on a subtle hierarchy of taste, as their smell sense is so highly developed that it can detect molecules of fatty acids at levels a thousand times less than that detectable by humans.

But try to categorise human food preferences in a similar way and the matter turns out to be more complex. They are often idiosyncratic, profoundly influenced by the sort of cultural resonance epitomised by Proust's love affair with his madeleine cakes, where it is the memories that certain foods evoke rather than their taste that is most important. A unique feature of human cuisine is the need for variety — eat the same food every day and boredom rapidly sets in. This is the phenomenon of "sensory specific satiety". When university students had to eat the same two menus for lunch and dinner for six consecutive weeks, their "hedonic rating" for the types of food served fell markedly and was still apparent four months later. It is therefore unrealistic to expect people to rate one type of food consistently over any other.

Nevertheless, the scientific study of food preferences is burgeoning and its results are of interest to many disparate groups, including food manufacturers, psychiatrists (who are interested in how food preferences may be involved in eating disorders), and food activists, who are concerned about the apparently natural preference for "unhealthy" fats and sugars.

Underlying the systematic study of food preferences is the realisation that many of them are biologically driven. Man is an omnivore and early in his evolution had to learn to dislike foods that might be harmful. No aspect of human behaviour is so vulnerable to conditioning as that following food poisoning. Just one bad experience with an oyster is enough to ensure that lifelong addicts will never touch another.



Dogs' dinner: animals are not as fussy with food as man

Man has also an innate hunger for physiologically important micro nutrients. The palatability of sugar and salt is clearly related to the body's need for them. Heavy labour in a humid atmosphere predictably results in a craving for salty foods, while schizophrenic patients given insulin shock therapy were frequently described as going on "sugar riots".

Certain taste preferences are clearly predetermined at birth and change over time. All children love sweets and sugar contributes over one-quarter of the calories in the pre-adolescent diet. There is however a marked decline in preference for sweetness in late adolescence that is compensated for by an increased enthusiasm for fatty foods.

Even the frequently bizarre food preferences of pregnancy may have a biological function. Among the most common aversions are alcohol and tobacco smoke, and tea and coffee (which are socially linked to smoking). Cravings are often for healthy foods, particularly milk and fruit, though some women's reported yearning for coal, disinfectants or moth balls is clearly anomalous.

In general, the more frequently a food is consumed, the more it is liked. This is best shown by the dissipation of the "fear of the new" or neophobia. In one study, the liking for buffalo meat increased markedly from first to second exposure, even for those who had found it unpleasant first time round.

Habituation also accounts for the way in which people can become addicted to initially unpalatable substances, such as chilli peppers. The shift from "dislike" to "like" happens between the age of five and eight in most chilli-eating cultures. According to Dr Paul Rozen, a psychologist at the University of Pennsylvania, the fondness for the "burn" produced by chilli is a form of benign masochism.

Clearly, however, the distinct food preferences of disparate societies are essentially culturally determined. There is, after all, much to commend eating insects, both as a source of protein and as a form of pest control. They taste very good too. In a detailed study in the 1930s the British nutritionist, W S Bristowe commended in particular: the giant water bug Lethoceus, whose flavour was resonant of gorgonzola cheese; the giant orb-weaving spider Nephila, which tasted like raw potato and lettuce; and the fine blue-legged Mygalomorph spider which "reminded me of the marrow of chicken bones".

Dr Bristowe reported that his Serene Highness Prince Sithoprin of Siam was bemused that the sophisticated West should be so ignorant of these culinary delights. "At the same time, the prince expressed disgust at our consumption of high game and decaying cheeses."

Confronted by the almost infinite variety of tastes and textures to be found in foods fit for human consumption, it is striking how conservative and unadventurous our dietary habits tend to be. Perhaps the most important lesson to be learned from the science of food preferences is that it is possible to learn to enjoy eating virtually anything.

Don't ask me, I'm only the doctor

For patients with mystery ailments, the long search for a diagnosis can be a testing time, says **Annabel Ferriman**

"To avoid delay, please have your symptoms ready" was a notice I saw recently in a GP's surgery. But a shortage of symptoms is not usually the main problem in medical consultations. The real difficulties start when the symptoms do not add up; when the doctor is left scratching his head, and wrinkling his brow, unable to come up with a diagnosis.

The German philosopher Immanuel Kant was supercilious about the importance of a diagnosis, saying: "Physicians think they do a lot for a patient when they give his disease a name." But for most patients, that naming procedure is of supreme importance.

Fortunately, GPs can usually find some sort of diagnosis in the six minutes allowed for each patient, but some patients have to wait years for their problem to be named — patients who are undeniably ill but have something the doctor cannot recognise. The long search for a diagnosis can be a testing time.

Moira Lazarus (not her real name), a mother-of-two from Hampstead, north London, endured months of frustration and anxiety when she had to wait two years for her condition to be diagnosed.

In December 1990 she developed what car mechanics would term "an intermittent fault" — acute attacks of the most devastating kind — which afterwards left her perfectly fit, so there was little to show when she visited the doctor. So severe were the attacks that she knew something was seriously wrong. She would start by suffering acute abdominal pain, a racing heart beat and a desperate need to open her bowels and pass water, and would sometimes end up losing consciousness. The small blood vessels in her eyes would burst, leaving her red-eyed, and her face would drain of colour. She had two attacks that December and visited her GP, who thought she might have epilepsy.

A visit to the neurologist, however, dispelled that notion because the symptoms did not fit. Almost two years passed without an attack and Ms Lazarus thought she had escaped the problem. But last September, it returned. "I was reading to my son at bedtime, when I had a bad attack and lost consciousness."

This time she was sent to an endocrinologist (a hormone specialist), who thought she might have a growth on the adrenal gland, but a scan revealed nothing. After several more attacks, and examinations by a cardiologist, a gynaecologist and a urologist, she was referred to the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in west London's Hammersmith Hospital. "I was finally given a diagnosis last March and the relief was tremendous," she says. "I was told I had something called 'mast cell activation syndrome'. It is rare, but I think there must be other people out there who are suffering from it, who have not been diagnosed because they are not as persistent as I was."

> The GP could only suggest tiredness as a cause

In patients with the condition, an outside stimulus, such as exercise or alcohol, can trigger a huge reaction in the patient's "mast cells", which are a type of white blood cell, normally involved in fighting infection. These cells release their chemical load, including large quantities of histamine, which cause the blood vessels to become leaky and dilated. That leads to a collapse in the circulation of the blood and loss of consciousness.

So what makes a good diagnostician? Why could one doctor sort out Ms Lazarus's problem, when others had failed? Sir William Osler, the great physician and Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford University, thought a thorough examination was crucial. "Failure to examine the throat is a glaring sin of omission, especially in children. One finger in the throat and one in the rectum makes a good diagnostician."

Others believe that a great deal of experience is also necessary. Dr Richard Smith, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, says you need to have seen a large number of patients. "It is a classic mistake in postgraduates who have read a large number of books and not seen many patients that they tend to come up with too many rare and exotic diagnoses and ignore the obvious," he says.

"Any woman who has put on weight around her middle and is off her food is pregnant until proved otherwise. If you are diagnosing something you should only see once in a lifetime every three days, something is wrong."

Dr Simon Wallis, the consultant endocrinologist who diagnosed Ms Lazarus's problem, thought that experience was crucial. "It was a matter of pattern recognition. Here was someone with a condition very like two or three other cases that I had seen. We had it confirmed by laboratory tests. There is an immediate pleasure from having got it right."

Moira still does not know what triggers her attacks, although she suspects it is stress from her job, but is taking anti-histamines to reduce the effects. She has had only one more attack — comparatively mild — so she thinks the medicine is working.

Other patients with mystifying symptoms sometimes work out their diagnoses for themselves. Charles Gladstein, a medical student from north London, collapsed on his bathroom floor and was unconscious for ten minutes. He went to see his GP about it the next day. At a loss for an explanation, his doctor suggested that perhaps he was "very tired".

Considering that diagnosis unsatisfactory, Mr Gladstein read as many textbooks as he could, but found nothing. A few weeks later, he recognised his own experience in a newspaper report of a man dying in his flat from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by a faulty gas water heater. Mr Gladstein checked his bathroom water heater and found a bird's nest in the flue. He had it removed — he had had a lucky escape.

Margaret Jones, from Hackney, east London, was infertile for ten years before her problem was sorted out. Margaret married in 1972 and by 1976 was starting to wonder why she had not conceived. She was referred to the Whitechapel Hospital, where she and her husband underwent numerous examinations and procedures, until, in 1981, the hospital washed its hands of them. "They said they could not do anything else for us," she says.

The Joneses were lucky, however; they had a sympathetic GP, who put them in touch with a private doctor.

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Thorough examination crucial: Sir William Osler, the great physician and Regius Professor Medicine at Oxford

"He worked out that because I ovulated late in my cycle, I had what is called a 'short luteal' phase: the fertilised egg was not having enough time to implant itself in the wall of the womb, before my period came. "He gave me a drug called Clomid to make me ovulate earlier and within four months I was pregnant. We now have two children."

Strangely enough, the Joneses had wondered whether her late ovulation was a problem. She knew details of her cycle from taking her temperature regularly, a rise signalling the time of ovulation, which they had mentioned to the Whitechapel, but nobody had picked up on it. Which leads to a crucial ingredient in a diagnostician. Dr Smith says: "If you listen carefully to the patient, he or she will tell you the diagnosis."

How to die from political correctness

IN A letter to the *The Times* last week, Robin Keith asked how it was possible to justify making tuberculosis, TB, a notifiable disease, while the incurable Aids is not. Mr Keith suggested that plain medical common sense had given way to double standards and hypocrisy.

Many doctors would agree with Mr Keith's sentiments:

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Professor Miles Irving of Manchester University, the Royal College of Surgeons' spokesman on HIV, says that neither he, nor the royal college, have any disagreement with the health department on the control of HIV in operating theatres or on hospital wards, but that in general, he had considerable sympathy with Mr Keith's view.

Professor Irving said: "Speaking entirely as an individual, I find it very strange that HIV is treated any differently from any other infectious disease, and that standard public health measures of proven worth have been abandoned. It's more than strange, it's absurd."

WHILE diseases varying in severity from German measles to the plague, and in rarity from mumps to leprosy, are notifiable, Aids, let alone a positive HIV infection, is not a notifiable disease.

Dr Anna McCormick, reviewing the present rules on notification of infectious diseases in the January edition of the *Communicable Disease Report*, writes: "Doctors are merely urged to report HIV infections. Aids cases, and those who are HIV positive but die without developing one of the diseases usually associated with Aids."

Nor do reports on Aids cases go, in the words of the public health act, to "a proper officer of the local authority for that district, and to the district health authority", people who are in a position to initiate action to prevent its spread. Instead, the information goes into the voluntary confidential surveillance scheme run by the Communicable Diseases Surveillance Centre. Under a separate arrangement genito-urinary medical (VD) clinics also report the number of cases they are treating to the health department. The department is therefore able to follow the national trends, but has less powers to deal with HIV infection than it has with food poisoning.



DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Food poisoning, or, since 1968, even the suspicion of food poisoning, is notifiable, and once informed, the local authority is empowered to carry out Draconian measures. These include compulsory medical examination, removal to and, if need be, detention in hospital, the disposal of infected articles and the control of the future use of infected premises.

Most people, given the unwelcome choice of either catching a tummy bug from a dirty cook in a seedy café, or HIV from an infected prostitute plying his or her trade in the front of the house, would probably agree with Mr Keith's suggestion that the medical profession could be accused of hypocrisy and lack of commonsense in the way that it has recently chosen to enforce public health regulations.

Received opinion of the health department, for which there is no objective evidence, is that patients with HIV would feel that if there was notification that there would be a lack of confidentiality. They would feel harried and would therefore not seek treatment and the advice and counselling on which the authorities have relied so heavily to prevent the spread of the disease.

Not surprisingly, this view is endorsed by the various pressure groups whose primary objective is to work for the acceptance of HIV-infected people in the community, rather than for the community's overall health, which should be the responsibility of doctors. In practice, many doctors' experience teaches them that patients are more likely to come to the clinic because of their symptoms, which they want treating, rather than because of any desire for a cosy chat with a health adviser.

The opinions of the Terrence Higgins Trust, and similar organisations, became rapidly accepted as the correct ones in clinics, possibly because of the very close links with the social services departments (no strangers to "political correctness"), with whom there is also an interchange of personnel.

Genito-urinary clinics have in material terms improved enormously in the past decade: they are brighter, better equipped and superficially appear more efficient. But their role has changed. A high proportion of the funds, and the staff, is now devoted to a comparatively small minority of the patients who visit them.

THERE MAY be fewer doctors available than there were in pre-Aids days for the run-of-the-mill patients suffering from their genital sores and discharges, yet the experience of other parts of the world suggests that it is the careful treatment of the well-established sexually-transmitted diseases which has prevented the spread of HIV in Britain, rather than the millions spent on anti-viral research.

In the 19th century, legal requirements for notification were introduced as a necessary preliminary to the prevention of the spread of cholera and "other epidemic, endemic or contagious diseases". These regulations have been regularly strengthened for the past 120 years but now the principle on which they were based seems to have been undermined by political correctness.

NHS Trust Applications

Applications have been submitted to the Secretary of State for Health for services provided by Special Health Authorities (SHAs) to be managed as NHS Trusts.

Currently SHAs are directly responsible to the Secretary of State and are funded directly by the Department of Health. From 1 April 1994 they will receive funding through contracts with health authorities and other health care purchasers, as do other NHS hospitals and community services.

Applications to become NHS Trusts from 1 April 1994 have been made by:

Eastman Dental Hospital
The Hospital for Sick Children (Great Ormond Street)
The National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery (Queen Square)
Moorfields Eye Hospital

Public consultation on these applications is being conducted by North East Thames Regional Health Authority. Comments received will be passed to the Secretary of State for Health who will decide whether the applicants can become NHS Trusts.

If you would like to receive a copy of the application documents, or to comment, please write to: **Laura Sharpe, Room A200, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, 40 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 3QR**

Comments on the Eastman Dental Hospital, The Hospital for Sick Children and Moorfields Eye Hospital must arrive before 10 November 1993.

Comments on the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery must arrive by 26 November 1993.

NORTH EAST THAMES
Regional Health Authority

Lynne Truss



■ What's the Italian for "Your tappets have gone, I'm afraid"?

Every year at about this time, I decide to enrol for a car maintenance evening class. No more will I be treated like a mug by unscrupulous garages: no more will I shrug and whimper — waving my arms vaguely in the direction of the bonnet — when someone asks if I have checked the oil. I will put my hair in a turban, talk confidently of nuts, and wipe my hands on an greasy rag.

So I buy my *Floodlight* adult education classes book and, grim-faced with determination, circle those dark oily satanic car maintenance courses. But then something goes wrong. I notice a flamenco class that's nearer home, or conversational Italian, or pastry cooking, and before you can say brakepads I have run smack into the crash barrier of my infirm purpose.

I mean, why fiddle with carburettors when you can make choux buns? Why probe a Fiat when you can pop along to the factory in Milan and say, quite casually: "Piove da ieri sera" ("It has been raining since yesterday evening")? You can see the dilemma. If you took the flamenco, moreover, at least next time you had a dishonest mechanic to deal with, you could stamp your foot and flounce off with style.

I was reminded of all this by the new *Which?* report on MOT testing. Evidently the *Which?* team bought six crummy second-hand cars, all of them worthy of a fail, and submitted them for tests with six garages each. The results were reminiscent of the infinite number of monkeys — out of 36 tries, one got it right, but only by the law of probability. Most of the garages missed failure points; they also (as you might have guessed) failed things that were perfectly fine. *Which?* was not interested in the morality of all this, only in the problem of unsafe cars receiving MOTs. For the average punter, however, who writes the large cheque each year, her hand sweaty from shock, there is a larger investigation still to be done. To put it bluntly, these garages "see her coming", so how about a controlled experiment? How about she takes her car in and waves her arms (bill: £300); and Nigel Mansell takes her car in instead, while she waits around the corner (bare test fee: £24)?

This is the world we live in, of course. If you are honest about your ignorance ("I know nothing about engines"), it is a point of honour that they should take advantage of you. Last year my car started making a ticky-ticky noise, like a sewing machine, so I drove to my usual MOT place and asked for an expert diagnosis. "You'll recognise the ticky-ticky noise," I said helpfully, "it's the one that makes people look gloomy and say 'tappets'." They stared at me, with big, giveaway £ signs flashing visibly in their eyeballs. Five hours later, I asked for a progress report. "Just phoning around for a new engine," they said, alarmingly. "Pistons . . . not worth taking the old one apart . . . 15 hours' labour at £28 per hour . . . looking at 12, 13 hundred quid . . . take eight days."

I was stunned. Nothing in my conversational Italian had prepared me for this, not even "Mi pare un po' (molto) caro" ("I think it is a bit (very) dear"). I said I would think about it, and retrieved the car, mainly because I could not face the tragic prospect of "looking at" 12 or 13 hundred quid, just to hug it once and say goodbye. Subsequently, of course, I was told by everybody — from taxi drivers to provincial mechanics, to small boys on trikes — that the ticky-ticky problem was the camshaft, not pistons, and that the mistake could not possibly be a genuine one.

Perhaps car maintenance should be placed on the national curriculum, alongside sex education. There is the same "need to know", obviously. And perhaps I should just regretfully harden myself to the garage rip-off, and rejoice that the ethic of the grease-gun is not generally extended — or not so flagrantly — to other professions ("I think it's just a cough, doctor"; "Nothing so simple, I'm afraid. In fact I'm phoning around for a replacement head").

Recently I saw an eight-year-old girl interviewed on television about *Jurassic Park*. "Don't you think it will be distressing for you to see little children terrorised by dinosaurs?" the interviewer asked. "But that's life," piped the child. "It would be silly to shield us from it." She had a point.

As the ERM founders, **Michael Butler**, one of the originators of the hard ecu, argues that its time has come

An easy price to pay for proper unity

Even if German reunification had not brought down the exchange-rate mechanism, the Maastricht route to European monetary union would have proved impracticable. If — quite a big if — monetary union is to be achieved, governments and central banks will want to be sure they can get there without economic shocks or leaps in the dark. The Maastricht Stage 2 of monetary union would have risked both, since the European Community was supposed at the end of Stage 2 suddenly to transfer responsibility for monetary policy from the 12 finance ministries or central banks to an untried institution, a new European central bank.

The hard ecu was designed to produce an evolutionary Stage 2 in which there would be a parallel currency, a new and independent ecu, alongside the 12 national currencies, for use by banks and companies engaged in intra-EC transactions. The plan was originated by the European committee of British Invisibles, a forum in which the private sector consults with the Bank of England and Whitehall on EC issues and of which I was chairman. It was sent to Margaret Thatcher and John Major, her Chancellor, in March 1990. We did not foresee the issue of notes and coin, at any rate in the first years of stage two, although we did expect that gradually the option of using it would be offered to customers by airlines, international hotels, car hire companies and so on, and that credit card companies would be prepared to debit clients in ecus. Banks, companies and private individuals would therefore increasingly open bank accounts and invoice and pay each other in ecus, avoiding the considerable costs of changing currencies.

To make the new ecu attractive, and to ensure that it did not have an inflationary effect (as feared by the Bundesbank), we proposed that it should be managed in such a way that it became and remained as strong as the strongest EC currency, and should no longer be an average or basket currency, as at present. This task could (without treaty amendment) now be given to the European Monetary Institute (EMI), to be set up on January 1, 1994 under Maastricht. The EMI council will consist of the 12 central bank governors with an independent president and vice-president. They would manage the ecu by setting ecu interest rates at levels which ensured that the ecu would never be devalued against any national currency, although national currencies could be devalued against the ecu. Obviously, close coordination would be required between the EMI and national central banks, which would be made easier by the composition of the EMI council.

Banks, companies and private individuals would have an absolute right to buy and sell unlimited quantities of ecus at prevailing exchange rates. But, to guard against inflation, national monetary authorities would have an obligation not to replace national currency converted into ecus by creating additional national currency. If they broke this golden rule (or otherwise behaved in an excessively lax way) they could be required to buy back some of their national currency deposited with the EMI with ecus or other hard currency. So the system would run on rigorous counter-inflationary guidelines.

The hard ecu should compete well in the markets with the mark as the currency for intra-EC transactions. If it did not, it would show that businesses do not need it.

In making the plan his own in June 1990, Mr Major said that the hard ecu would be "a common currency which could become a single currency one day" if the governments and parliaments so wished. This is an essential element in the proposal. Other EC member governments may be willing to accept it if they think that it could lead safely to full monetary union one day (though perhaps the Germans will still try to fight off competition for the mark). But the EC will not accept it except as part of an evolutionary Stage 2.

The adoption of the plan would, however, allow a properly informed view about whether conditions have been created in which a move to a single currency could take place without economic shocks and with public acceptance of the new money, another essential. The markets would determine the rate at which use of the currency grew. People would get used to the currency as the proportion of intra-EC transactions carried out in ecus grew.

The EMI would be able to demonstrate — or not — a capacity to manage the EC's money. If it managed the ecu well, with low inflation for a number of years, it would establish a track record and gain credibility. As the Bundesbank never tires of telling us, a central bank needs to be credible. EC members might come to feel comfortable with the idea of moving to a single currency. If the EMI performed badly, no one in their right senses would want to confide the monetary policy of the EC to it.

It would be entirely in accordance with the British government's position at Maastricht to adopt the hard ecu plan in Stage 2. Britain would not be committed in advance to moving to Stage 3 (single currency) and Parliament would be able to exercise Mr Major's Maastricht opt-out if the majority view in this country then was that it was unsafe economically, or undesirable politically. It is in the interests of this country and of the EC as a whole for the plan to be revived. It stands a fair chance of success this time round.

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India's army on the rampage

Muslim Kashmir's demands for independence have left it at the mercy of murderers and rapists in uniform — and no one cares, it seems



Voices in the wilderness: mourners attend the funeral of Abdul Ahad Guru, a prominent Kashmiri militant

Bernard Levin

Anyone who knows me even a little, and certainly anyone who reads much of what I write, will be in no doubt of my abiding love of India. I know, of course, as any India-lover does, that its monstrous and inexcusable backwardness should have disappeared many decades ago but shows little sign of doing so, that many tens of millions of India's people live in quarters so dreadful that the possession of a large cardboard box indicates riches, that indentured labour (*recte* slavery) and child prostitution abound and do not diminish. All this we India-lovers know and cannot forget, but as soon as we set foot on Indian soil that special peace, unique to this ageless country, descends upon it and us.

Yes, but failings are one thing, evil another. For some time I have been collecting material on conditions in Kashmir, the Indian province which demands its independence (with Pakistan making as much trouble for India as possible). I take no sides in this tug of war; it is the conditions in which India holds Kashmir (and Jammu) that concern me. Let me begin with a letter which recently appeared in the *The Times*. It came from Lord Avebury, with the imprimatur of the House of Lords' Parliamentary Human Rights Group, and I quote it here not only for those who missed it but also for those who read it and are still in shock from what it said. Here is the gist:

> On June 26, Muhammad Sultan Bhatt, his three sons, his pregnant daughter-in-law and her sister were burnt alive when their home in the village of Dayalgam, Anantnag, in Kashmir, was torched by the Indian security forces. The soldiers who committed this atrocity were members of the Border Security Force . . .
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> The Indian government has claimed that wrongdoers in the security forces have been charged and convicted. We have asked the foreign secretary and other FCO ministers repeatedly to obtain details of these cases, but no information has been given by India.
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> The Indian armed forces operate in Kashmir in a climate of impunity; raping, killing, torturing and destroying without fear of punishment . . . the murderers of Mr Bhatt and his family could be identified . . . if no charges are preferred, it will confirm yet again that the reign of terror in . . . Kashmir is not a question of mere discipline but a deliberate policy.

Dayalgam is familiar with atrocities. In January 1991, three men living in the village were dragged from their homes and their heads cut off; there was no suggestion that the men had anything to do with terrorism or even resistance. Their names are known, and for that matter so is the name of the officer who conducted an "enquiry" into the incident; no action whatever was taken.

A few months later, the BSF visited Dayalgam again. A group of villagers, hearing gunshots, ran towards the fields, where they thought they would be safer, only to run into an ambush by the BSF; one of the villagers, Muzaffar Ahmed Bhat, was shot, but the BSF would not allow the others to tend to him, and he bled to death. Three other Dayalgam villagers were killed by the BSF. Perhaps tired of killing people from Dayalgam, the BSF turned their attention to a village less prosperous than Dayalgam, called Sopore.

On April 13, 1992, BSF soldiers entered the village; by the time they left, they had scored 13 corpses. They had started firing indiscriminately when they were, or thought they were, being shot at by resistance forces. But the BSF's highest battle honour was still to be won; it was won, rather spectacularly, on January 6, 1993. On this occasion there was no doubt; the BSF had been fired on by members of a resistance group, the Hizbul mujahidin. Two soldiers were hit, one seriously; he later died of his wounds. This incident took place somewhere between 9.30 and 10am. A little after 10am the BSF went berserk, and stayed berserk until 3.30 in the afternoon. In that time, 200 homes and shops were set on fire by the BSF, and 43 villagers were dead, killed by the BSF. Throughout the massacre the BSF were heard shouting "Sab ko maro", which means "kill everyone". Well, you must admit they had a good try.

This massacre was so appalling that even the Indian authorities became alarmed and perhaps sickened. The governor of Kashmir visited Sopore, and left behind a number of officials. The highest one, it seems, was a Mr Kapoor, who announced that the number of the dead had been greatly exaggerated, proceeded to harangue the members of the South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre, showed no sign of remorse at what happened at Sopore and, indeed, said nothing on the subject. He then handed over to a Mr Phunsok, who declared that he felt that the incident had been unfortunate. (From the material I have at hand it is not entirely clear who Mr Phunsok thinks were the unfortunates. But he certainly did say that the state government would make "all efforts to keep the alienation at a minimum".)

Some of the statements made in the aftermath of the massacre have a deeply touching nature. Here, for instance, is Abdul Ahad Mir:

> I have a shop in the main chowk . . . All of a sudden, I heard firing all around me. I saw the BSF doing it. I jumped into the shop and dropped the shutters. For a long time, there was no let-up in the firing . . . I could hear people being dragged out from other shops screaming. I was very frightened. I tried to hide myself under the counter . . . I could hear the shutter . . . being opened.
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> From my hiding place . . . I could hear one of the jawans [soldiers] going to the cash-box and emptying it. I had roughly 8,500 rupees . . . I heard them talking to each other, stating: "Take what you want and burn the shop." One of them took out a roll of cloth, sprinkled it with kerosene which I could smell . . . As soon as I heard them going out I came out of my hiding place and jumped out of the shop . . .
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> I knew that if I was killed by bullets at least my family would be able to identify me, if I died by burning inside the shop, my family would not even get my body. My face and hands were badly burnt. But I somehow managed to get to Dr Sofi's clinic through the bylanes . . .

Now what does a lover of India say about that? Well, first I say that I was not born yesterday. Some of the groups and leaders of the separatist movement have been as bloodthirsty as anything the BSF could find; but at least they did not indiscriminately slaughter their opponents, much less the bystanders. Moreover, they had a cause, and whether theirs was a valid cause or a crazy one, it is all too true that causes rarely seek success in gentle words.

But burning people alive in their houses does not come under any recognisable form of pacification. And even if it did, to use rape as an instrument of terror, which the BSF practises (together with random torture, mutilation and the murder of prisoners) cannot possibly be defended by any civilised state.

I come back to the letter in *The Times* which described a dreadful multiple murder on the part of a member of an official wing of the Indian army. What that wing of that army can do is listed in detail in the form of statistics, and I shall conclude with them.

From December 1989 to the end of January 1992, 199 people have been taken away by the security forces and have not been traced since. In August, 1993, the security forces killed 93 innocent people. In that same August the security forces killed 19 people in custody. And in July 1992 the security forces raped ten women and molested and or attempted to rape another ten. (I have the names of all those killed or ravished.)

I have just received a further substantial mass of evidence of these crimes; perhaps one item will suffice:

> Mohammed Hanif Baggu was picked up from his home by soldiers of the 25 Madras Regiment . . . He was confined for four days, kept naked, beaten frequently and suspended from a ceiling upside-down. Eventually, he was dumped in a ditch. His captors' reason was that his father was suspected of owning a wireless set.

Lord Avebury's letter ended with these words: "If no charges are preferred, it will confirm yet again that the reign of terror in Indian-occupied Kashmir is not a question of mere indiscipline, but a deliberate policy." This is the 36th day after the letter appeared; no charge or comment has been forthcoming from the Indian authorities.

Blackpool role

THE CONSERVATIVE party is taking few chances with its annual conference in Blackpool this year, where the prime minister customarily addresses the party's constituency agents at a black-tie dinner. After laying off agents at the rate of one a week since the election, the party has miraculously discovered sufficient funds for a new appointment — in Blackpool.

One of the first tasks of the new appointee, John Bostock, will be to chivvy the diminishing band of agents at John Major's smart supper do. And, not surprisingly, there are ill-concealed suspicions that Bostock's appointment was timed for the conference.

"For the prime minister to give us a tonic for the troops speech, in a town where the agent had recently gone and not been replaced, would have gone down very badly," says one disaffected agent.

But Bostock is ideally qualified to encourage the downhearted. Before securing Blackpool, he had just been made redundant from his last job — as Tory agent in Delyn, Clwyd. "It is not as secure a job as it used to be, although there is always a shake-out after the election," he says. "The financial position is not good, donations are down, but we are no worse off than the rest of the country."

Bostock, who looks after two Tory MPs with majorities of less than 2,000, emphatically denied that the party conference had anything to do with his new post.

To prove his local credentials, he will be making a well-publicised plug for Blackpool at the conference. He plans to lead all the agents on to the nine miles of golden sands for a mass paddle in protest at the EC's declaration that the beach falls short of environmental standards.



DIARY

Under siege

EDINBURGH fringe veteran Richard Demarco may be able to persuade George Soros to part with cash for an Edinburgh-based foundation of east European art, but he is having less luck organising his own festival programme. The highlight was to be an installation by Obala, a group of Sarajevan artists. Sadly, Obala cannot get out of the city because of the fighting.

The Foreign Office refuses to help, so Demarco is talking to the German government, and Willie Macnair, from the group Sarajevo Edinburgh, hopes the French will help. "The British government says it has to adhere to UNHCR guidelines, which say only journalists and politicians can fly in and out. The French have been more flexible."

A week before the opening of the exhibition, "Witnesses of Existence", Demarco says he never envisaged such problems. "I thought they would just be able to hop on a plane." If the airlift doesn't work, he plans a show which will involve photographs of the artists' work and a satellite telephone link to Sarajevo.

●*A plot worthy of the investigative skills of Sherlock Holmes appears to be under way among competitors for the* Times Crossword *prize. Last Saturday's edition printed the names of the previous weekend's winners. Two surnames stood out: Mr Baskerville and Mr Moriarty.*

Added Waite

STAFF at a small village post office in southeast London have been rewarded for their diligent deliveries of mail to their local celebrity, the former hostage Terry Waite. Like many residents in the gentrified area of Blackheath, Waite is appalled by plans to close down and relocate the post office. So he has thrown his considerable weight behind a campaign to save it.

"I have a particular reason to be grateful to the post office because they have delivered sackfuls of mail to me in the past 18 months," he explains.

With the publication yesterday of a report by the Rural Development Commission highlighting the threat to sub-post offices, Waite's support could not have come at a better time for the Blackheath conservation society. "He happened to be wandering through the village and heard about the plans," a spokesman says. "He was absolutely furious and came straight to us."

Tory canyons

WITH a majority of only 17, one can understand why Conservative whips feel the need to issue an informal set of guidelines on how to avoid by-elections. The recent bungee-jumping antics of Barry Field, the Tory MP for the Isle of Wight, cannot have done much to ease the whips' fears during the summer break.

Nor is Field alone in risking life, limb and a possible by-election. Andrew Robathan, MP for Blaby, has been scaling Mont Blanc, and Philip Oppenheim, MP for Amber Valley, is defying foreign office advice to travel by Land-Rover into Azerbaijan.

"We ask MPs to use their common sense. But some of them have not got any," snorts David Lightbown, the 18-stone whip said to have reduced grown men to tears for even considering defying the government. One MP was forbidden to take part in a car rally in Africa, but Lightbown hinted that other, less salubrious, activities also cause concern. "They go to strange establishments in places such as Berlin and get in with rather strange people," he says.

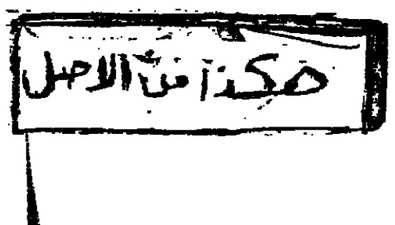


Adie up against another enemy

NEWS coverage at the BBC would not be the same without the dramatic reports and somewhat manic expression of Kate Adie. But the excitement on our screens cannot go on for ever, as a battle-weary Adie admitted only too readily in a rare interview in this week's *Radio Times*.

It is not that Adie has tired of covering international skirmishes, with their harrowing scenes of anger and despair. No, the correspondent who says she has been to more funerals than most undertakers and was herself grazed by a bullet in Peking's Tiananmen Square, seems quite happy to continue.

The question she asks, however, is whether the viewers will put up with her for much longer. "The last four years have been riveting. I've had a ringside seat at history," she says. "But the convention on television is that women are young, so whether the old bat will be tolerated for much longer I don't know."



COLOUR IT TARTAN

Clinton's budget victory sets no clear path to reform

Slowly, the American economy is reviving without the politicians' help. That is a relief for the world, for if the budget which has just squeaked through Congress lays "the foundation for the renewal of the American dream", as President Clinton asserts, its foundations are weak. Mr Clinton has already converted his campaign pledge to halve America's federal deficit from a promise to a "goal", and the goal has receded steadily as his economic plan inched through Congress. In theory, the president has now fulfilled his scaled-down ambition of cutting the budget deficit by $500 billion over five years. In practice, the Budget Reconciliation Act, 1993 passed last weekend is no more than a nod to fiscal discipline.

The federal debt will still rise by nearly a fifth during Mr Clinton's presidential term, from today's $4,300 billion to $5,300 billion in 1998. Its growth has only been slowed, and then chiefly by raising $241 billion in new taxes. The taxes are real enough, but the promised spending cuts are all too reminiscent of the "smoke and mirrors" accounting so derided by Democrats in the Reagan and Bush years. Of the total $255 billion, $46 billion was already agreed back in 1990, $24 billion comes from disguised taxes and $65 billion represents hoped-for future savings.

Politically, Mr Clinton has won a battle which was vital to his presidency. But the cost is high, and not only in Congress. By claiming that his plan is a decisive return to sound economic management, and telling voters in the same breath that almost none of them would feel the pain, President Clinton has added to public scepticism. The American voter who, when asked during last year's campaign what colour candidate Clinton reminded him of, replied "plaid", must be even more hardpressed to name the true colours of this victory.

The exhausted president hailed the bill's passage as proof that Americans were "seizing control of our economic destiny". What has, on the contrary, been on public display is the absurdity of the world's richest country conducting fiscal and economic policy according to the rules of the *souk*.

The Democrat majority faded to nothing in the face of constituency anxiety. With the Republicans unanimously opposed, the three votes which, despite the large Democrat majorities in both houses of Congress, stood between the president and defeat were extracted only after hundreds of small concessions and one hugely damaging one.

Relief was sought and found by logging interests complaining of the cost of protecting the spotted owl; by a key senator who obtained the removal of a luxury tax on yachts affecting Maine boatbuilders; by California's Silicon Valley and by a host of other lobbyists. Such deals underline the need for reforms in the American legislative process. But the bleakest augury for the health and welfare reforms that are Mr Clinton's next, and even tougher, challenge was the near-demolition of an energy tax which would not only have raised $71 billion, but would have begun to curb America's profligate consumption of fossil fuels. All that is left of this one truly novel reform is a puny 4.3 cent rise in petrol taxes, costing most drivers a mere $20 this year and $80 next.

Senator Bob Kerrey, one of the last Democrats to hold out against the bill, was right to denounce its timidity in tackling "the rapid, uncontrolled growth in programmes that primarily benefit the middle class". But Mr Clinton emerges with more credit than the Republican heavyweights, whose attacks have been purely negative. The lobbies will be even more vocal in opposing Hillary Clinton's overhaul of healthcare, which costs 14 per cent of GDP, is the fastest growing item of federal spending and is appalling value for money. Far from marking an end to "gridlock" between White House and Congress, the rake's progress of the Clinton budget underlines the near-impossibility for any president of effecting structural reforms without radical changes to the legislative process. If the recovery takes off, Mr Clinton may acquire the political stature to force them through. He has won one battle, but not the war to make America governable.

A CHILD, NOT A SYMBOL

The rescue of one Bosnian child is not enough

Those who have called Irma Hadzimuratovic, the appallingly injured five-year-old flown out of Bosnia yesterday, a "symbol of Sarajevo" miss the point. Grotesque though it may be to admit it, Irma — who was reported to be "very, very ill" when she landed in Italy en route to the Great Ormond St Hospital — is one of the lucky ones. She ceased to be a true Sarajevan when the West was shamed into noticing her suffering by the horrific pictures which appeared in the media yesterday. Thousands of her fellow citizens face an even worse fate.

Irma's case highlights undoubted problems in the organisation of humanitarian aid in Bosnia. She was desperately injured in a Serb mortar attack on July 30, suffering serious spinal, abdominal and head wounds which could have been treated routinely in a properly equipped hospital outside the city. Faced with a chance to save a young life, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, which co-ordinates airlifts of this kind, may well have dithered where it should have cut through bureaucracy. It is certainly scandalous that 15 planes leave Sarajevo empty every day while small children die.

The criteria for evacuation used by the four doctors who sit on the UNHCR medical committee are tragically Darwinian. In general, medical evacuation is recommended only where the patient is highly likely to live, and, in some cases, the objects of this awful roulette must be able to sit up in their seats to gain a berth on an outgoing aircraft. These rules are surely unsatisfactory in a siege which has already claimed the lives of 1,000 children and seen many thousands more injured by Serb bullets and shrapnel. Human instinct alone requires that help be given to the sick child in preference to the sick adult: UN evacuation regulations should be amended accordingly.

Yet the UNHCR is scarcely the villain of the piece. It must practise the art of the possible, not only sifting through hundreds of applications but also finding destinations for those who are selected. This has proven difficult, even in the most obvious cases of need: 30 children who have been accepted for UN evacuation have yet to be given a place by hospitals outside Bosnia. It is therefore difficult to disagree with Irma's surgeon who concluded that his dying patient was not airlifted out of her dying city for humanitarian reasons but in response to media pressure.

One is better than none. Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, was right yesterday to say that "because you can't help everybody doesn't mean you shouldn't help somebody". War exacts savage costs, one of which is purity of principle. But Mr Hurd's disclosure that the prime minister himself was anxious "to cut through the red tape" should inspire mixed emotions. For if the red tape was so easily cut in this case, it must be asked why it has remained intact in so many others. And if Western policy on evacuees and refugees from Bosnia is nothing more than a reflex reaction to press and television pictures, then the damaged, injured and sick of Sarajevo should quake indeed. For who now remembers the name of Srebrenica?

OPT POP

The trouble with the world is the other folks that live in it

The First World Optimum Population Congress was told in Cambridge yesterday that Britain's population needs to be reduced to 30 million if its people are to enjoy the quality of life that will preserve the environment. This is about half the present total. And exasperation with supermarket queues or gridlock in the city centre can make it tempting to agree with these utopian demographers. For two centuries doomwatchers have been making people's flesh creep with prophecies of a billennial nightmare in which space has become the most precious commodity on Earth, and the people have to sleep in shifts or stand on each other's shoulders.

However, the record of scientists on the politics of population is unimpressive. In early societies, with high mortality rates, top authorities encouraged people to "be fruitful and multiply". In the Dark Ages the chronicles were heavy with predictions of depopulation, decline and death, while the mercantilist theories of the Renaissance deemed large populations beneficial, since they provided a large and therefore cheap labour force as well as a large market. Malthus was the first people pessimist, with his theory that population growth was bound to outstrip any increases in food production. Marx rejected his claim that poverty was a result of overpopulation, and contended that any population could be sustained as long as society's material wealth was evenly distributed.

All such pop predictions are constantly revised by the adaptability of human nature in society. The United Kingdom achieved its supposedly optimum population of 30 million between the censuses of 1871 and 1881, which was fine for the the entrepreneurs of the Industrial Revolution, but not so fine for the mill-workers, women and other Victorian underclasses. In the year of Waterloo it was about half that, and half again in the golden age of Shakespeare. Which of these should be deemed the optimum population for the unpredictable future?

Monaco is one of the most densely populated territories on earth, with a population of 40,112 to the square mile, followed closely by Hong Kong. Neither is notably less successful or unhappier than the United Kingdom, which has a population density between 25 and 70 times less than theirs. The most sparsely populated territories of the world, from Antarctica to the wilder Highlands of Scotland are not notable for their quality of life, opportunities for the young or the number of volunteers to live there permanently.

The latest projection by the UN Population Fund is that the population of the world will stabilise at around 11,600 million, twice as large as today, in a century and a half. Like all such projections, this needs to be taken with an unquantifiable pinch of salt. As do extrapolations by population optimisers, who want to project their own favourite lifestyles into the unknown future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Next steps in coping with exchange-rate instability

From Mr Michael Spicer, MP for Worcestershire South (Conservative)

Sir, There is a lot of sloppy talk around about a "common currency" hard ecu. Nice idea it may be to introduce a currency of convenience; certainly it would not have the constitutional implications of a single currency controlled by a single central bank. But if Germany ratifies the treaty of Maastricht it will be pie in the sky. The law of Europe will demand that a single currency be established not later than January 1, 1999. Article 109 j (4) requires precisely that.

The arguments over Maastricht were real ones. If the treaty comes into effect, its impact will be specific and clear, unless, that is, the process can be reversed in 1996 when the matter is next up for consideration.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SPICER,
House of Commons.
August 9.

From Mr Ian Taylor, MP for Esher (Conservative)

Sir, The interest rate crisis which forced a relaxation of the ERM disciplines may provide the government with a decisive opportunity to influence the development of economic and monetary affairs within the European Community. For this, we need to react positively and swiftly.

Much as economic revival on the Continent would be welcome to British industry, the single market will not flourish if there is prolonged exchange-rate instability. Protectionist instincts will emerge. Long-term investment decisions may be discouraged. Industry in any one country will not be able to disguise its lack of competitiveness through a falling exchange rate.

The market is distorted if currency fluctuations allow producers to charge divergent prices for the same product in separate national markets. Linked exchange rates provide an objective test of the success of domestic anti-inflation policies. In other words, the search for stability will continue; we should be unwise to allow others to dictate the path.

The ERM faltered in the belief that almost-fixed exchange rates could, by themselves, be the engine for economic convergence. We must now concentrate primarily on the convergence process itself. In this the Maastricht treaty provides demanding but excellent — and Conservative — criteria of lower interest rates, smaller deficits and stable prices.

It establishes a new institution to encourage the process. The European Monetary Institute (EMI) starts work on January 1 next year, just as the latest ERM changes are up for review. Rather than openly having a short life until the establishment of the European Central Bank, the EMI could, with British encouragement, be developed into a much more influential body than intended, providing non-binding advice to strengthen coordination of the policies of member countries.

This would mean that much more attention could be given to comparative performance on achieving the Maastricht treaty principles of price stability and sound public finance, an open market economy and subsidiarity.

Yours faithfully,
IAN TAYLOR
(Vice-Chairman,
Positive Europe Group),
House of Commons.
August 4.

From Sir Robin Williams

Sir, In asserting that Britain pledged herself to an ever closer union ("Speculators cannot break us", August 4), is Sir Edward Heath repudiating his own white paper which recommended joining the Common Market to the British people in 1971?

On page 8 of "The United Kingdom and the European Communities" (Cmnd 4715, July 1971), the then Mr Heath wrote:

The Community is no federation of provinces or counties. It constitutes a Community of great and established nations ... The practical working of the Community accordingly reflects the reality that sovereign Governments are represented round the table ... There is no question of any erosion of essential national sovereignty.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN WILLIAMS
(Secretary), Campaign for an Independent Britain,
c/o 81 Ashmole Street, SW8.
August 4.

From Mr J. R. L. Cuningham

Sir, Sir Edward Heath (article, August 4) is quite right: businessmen would like stable conditions on the foreign exchanges. What they do not want is the chaos of the past 12 months, which is the direct result of attempting to impose the conditions necessary for a single currency upon a Europe not yet economically or politically ready.

In the present imperfect world, floating exchange rates — reflecting the collective wisdom of the market — remain the best method of determining a currency's value. An early further attempt to impose a single currency on an unwilling Europe would be a certain way of preventing the European integration that Sir Edward wants.

Yours faithfully,
J. R. L. CUNINGHAM
(Chairman), Investment Research of Cambridge Ltd,
28 Panton Street, Cambridge.
August 4.

From Mr S. J. Russell

Sir, Enoch Powell's cure for our European madness ("A prophet in his own country", August 3) is clear-sighted, ingenious and practical. Its implementation would require our politicians to accept that they are elected to carry the responsibilities that since 1972 they have been casting onto the European Community, and it will therefore not be considered.

The same issue carried reports of one more example of the European Court supplanting British law, and of EC involvement for no discernible purpose in a freight transport plan. Such dispossessions are so habitual that a day without them would be an event, yet Parliament stands to one side with silent approval.

Wordsworth (*Poems Dedicated to National Independence and Liberty, XXVII, November 1806*) got it right when he forecast exultation "... if they who rule the land/ Be men who hold its many blessings dear,/ Wise, upright, valiant; not a servile band,/ Who are to judge of danger which they fear,/ And honour which they do not understand".

Where have they all gone, and what has frightened them off?

Yours faithfully,
S. J. RUSSELL,
106 West Heath Road, Cove,
Farnborough, Hampshire.
August 3.

From Mr Michael Graham

Sir, I was rather hoping that interest rates in this country would be reduced following the ERM debacle.

Sadly, as Mr Lamont has now forecast they will come down ("Hurrah for the new realism", August 3), I presume they will not.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GRAHAM,
11 St James's Square, SW1.
August 4.

From Sir Anthony Grant, MP for Cambridgeshire South West (Conservative)

Sir, Can we now bring an end to humbug concerning the ERM?

I was in favour of entry (to reduce interest rates, which happened, and to achieve currency stability, which did not). So, too, were the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties, the overwhelming majority of the Conservative party, Lord Lawson, Mr Lamont and — Baroness Thatcher.

Let us stop trying to wriggle out of our past records.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY GRANT,
House of Commons.
August 4.

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Critical eye on royal gates

From the Learned Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths

Sir, This ancient and honourable company wishes to inform the public that it is in no way connected with the design or manufacture of the recently completed memorial gates to commemorate the life and work of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother (report and photographs, July 7).

In our opinion they do not show the strength of character the Queen Mother has displayed throughout her long life or the solidarity which she exemplifies through the royal family.

We were not consulted at any stage, despite having a list of more than 100 blacksmiths holding awards for excellence in their craft, any one of whom would have been honoured and glad to have devoted their time to such a memorial.

A team of accredited judges from this company has inspected the gates and the conclusion is that we, who have represented the blacksmiths' craft since our incorporation by prescription in 1325 (and for generations before that), are pleased we are not associated with what is supposed to celebrate the life of a very great lady.

She deserves better.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND C. JORDEN,
Learned Clerk, The Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths,
27 Cheyne Walk, Grange Park, N21.
August 8.

Born survivors

From Sir John Hanbury

Sir, I would like to take up the challenge of the Reverend Peter Galloway (letter, August 2) in the longevity stakes on behalf of my great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Hanbury (née Sanderson), who was born in June 1793 in Leadenhall Street in the City of London and died on October 7, 1901, at Richmond, Surrey, aged 108.

She had been a member of the band of Quaker women, led by her relative, Elizabeth Fry, who worked for the amelioration of the harsh conditions in Newgate and other women's prisons. She was also actively engaged with Wilberforce, Clarkson and the others in the campaign against slavery.

Her mother died young in 1795, and between them they lived in all the six reigns between those of George II and Edward VII. Elizabeth is buried in the Friends' burial ground in Wellington, Somerset.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HANBURY,
Amwellbury House, Great Amwell,
Ware, Hertfordshire.
August 3.

From Mr R. E. K. Levett

Sir, Mrs Margaret Anne Neve was born in Guernsey on May 18, 1792, the daughter of John Harvey and Elizabeth Guille, and died in Guernsey on April 4, 1903, within 43 days of her 111th birthday.

There is a wealth of information available here about this remarkable lady, who insisted on walking 1½ km into St Peter Port on Saturdays (to the market) and Sunday (to church) until the last few years of her life; being an expert horticulturist, especially with pansies, she was still seen wielding a light spade at the age of 108. She too lived in three centuries, and during the reigns of five British sovereigns.

Yours sincerely,
R. E. K. LEVETT,
Carsten, Vaux du Varclin,
St Martin, Guernsey, CI.

Identity crisis

From Mr R. G. Vincent

Sir, Harvey Elliott's warning ("Keep an eye on the passport", Travel News, August 5), to check that the new-style EC passport you have with you is your own, is timely.

Earlier this year, when checking in with friends at Geneva airport, I was unwittingly handed back the passport belonging to a 10-year-girl. Notwithstanding this I passed through three passport controls, including the special security control for flights to London, without a question being asked. It was not until I went to cash travellers' cheques in a London bank that my ID was called into question by a somewhat startled bank clerk.

As I was not a customer of the bank it took a little explaining to persuade them that I was the owner of the travellers' cheques, but while doing so, I wondered how my friend's 10-year-old daughter managed to go through all the same controls, but separately from me, carrying the passport of a 54-year-old grey-haired man.

Before they issue another ten million EC passports it would seem sensible to put some form of identification on the front.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT VINCENT,
20 Ellerby Street, SW6.

Diseased ash trees

From Mr J. P. Duff

Sir, I would like to draw your attention to the miserable plight of diseased ash trees which threaten a damaging change to our countryside, particularly to the East Anglian landscape. Driving along country roads over much of the region it can be difficult to find any healthy adult specimens of what is one of our most common trees.

From my own observations it appears that mature ashes are affected, often with a very thin crown, or branches with leaves only at the branch tips, or a few branches which appear to be healthy in an otherwise defoliated tree.

Forestry Commission experts, it seems, are aware of the condition but are not sure of the cause, although they are confident that there is no link with Dutch elm disease. My concern is that ash trees may not be as readily recognised as oak or elm, and consequently their decline goes unnoticed.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. DUFF,
16 Bradfield Hall,
Bradfield Combust,
Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Parish dues

From Mr G. C. Houghton

Sir, Michael Saward argues (letter, August 5) that the "self-expectation" of £2.10 per week for each electoral roll member of a rural diocese is too low. In his exalted position as Canon Treasurer of St Paul's Cathedral he may be rather out of touch with the financial problems of a small village parish church.

Unlike St Paul's, St Laurence's, Foxton, does not get visited by thousands of tourists every day, all of them liable to a charge of up to £2.50 to help with running costs. In fact, we are instructed by the archdeacon and the insurance company that the church must be kept locked. Roofs leak, ancient windows need reglazing, out-of-date heating systems have to be replaced so that elderly parishioners are not discouraged from coming to church in the winter.

We are a small congregation of just over 50 regular worshippers. Our quota alone will be over £6,000 next year, before all the other accounts can be faced. I would go further than Mrs Jane Harriss of Tisbury, whose letter accompanies that of the canon: the portfolio management by the Church Commissioners more than "infuriates" me. Any other financial board of such incompetence would be held responsible for its mismanagement and its members replaced.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. HOUGHTON
(Honorary Treasurer,
St Laurence Church, Foxton),
44 High Street, Foxton, Cambridge.
August 5.

From the Reverend Allan Campbell-Wilson

Sir, Perhaps the Rector of Darfield (letter, July 22) should reflect that the £21,000 quota that his parish pays does not cover his stipend, housing and pension. The "over-centralised" diocesan structure of which he complains is already subsidising his standard of life.

If some withhold payments in a fit of pique it is not the affluent leafy suburbs such as his that will suffer but inner-urban parishes such as the one in which I have the honour to serve. The Church of England will be seen to be deserting the poor and helpless if it has to withdraw from these areas because those who can afford higher quotas refuse to submit them.

We who live with, and have a mission to, the less fortunate look askance at clergy who make sweeping statements from the comfort of their rectories, safely protected by the "parson's freehold" from ever being sent into the dark places of the world. It might do them good to live in the "real" world, where there are no difficulties about paying the quota, just difficulties in raising it in the first place.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN CAMPBELL-WILSON,
St John's Vicarage, 45 Lothian Road,
Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

From the Rural Dean of Otley

Sir, Mr and Mrs Bartlett of Branksome in Dorset (letter, July 24) should ponder on the Yorkshire saying, "Brasso in fisto intacto". We have to ignore this as we work hard to pay our 1993 quota of £56,850. Our church profile is similar to that of the Bartletts' church with many elderly and retired people. Our building is ancient, with heavy maintenance costs.

In our small diocese of Bradford, 30 of the 131 parishes are urban priority areas needing much financial and other support. Hence the large quota in this country town. The people of Branksome will find the money for God's work in the same place as we do, but maybe in the Winchester diocese it is still "in fisto intacto".

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. C. MARSHALL
(Vicar), Ilkley Parish Church,
Church Street, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

The living Church

From Father Michael Gaine

Sir, Before your readers conclude that my "flockless" parish is the ecclesiastical equivalent of the Chiltern Hundreds (report and photograph, July 28) may I say that it still fulfils a useful purpose.

Office workers attend a lunchtime Mass during the week. We have a Mass in English and a traditional Latin Mass on Sundays, and people travel considerable distances for both.

I am a member of a city-centre ecumenical team, giving a chaplaincy service to city stores and institutions such as theatres and Liverpool John Moores University. In that capacity I am ecumenical chaplain to the Merseyside police headquarters.

Many people, including families who were part of the vibrant community here 20 years ago, wish to move back. This would benefit the city as well as my parish.

Yours hopefully,
MICHAEL GAINE,
St Mary's Church,
Highfield Street, Liverpool 3.

Fringe of Surrey

From Mr D. G. Tinker

Sir, Your diarist (August 3), presumably thinking of Woking, incorrectly refers to John Redwood's constituency as being in Surrey. "Wocca's people" of Saxon times split up, some preferring to settle 14 miles to the west at Wokingham in what is now Berkshire.

Happily, I'm sure that Mr Redwood is quite clear which location he represents.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID TINKER (Vice-Chairman,
Wokingham Society),
7 Salisbury Close,
Wokingham, Berkshire.

Rude words

From Mr W. Stuart Frost

Sir, As a solicitor advocate I have tried vainly for years to persuade stipendiary and lay magistrates in the London courts that the colourful language my clients allegedly use towards police officers and others at certain stressful times is not threatening, abusive or insulting.

Since Matthew Parris has now confirmed (article, August 2) that such speech is very much the norm in the highest of places, can I assume that those magistrates who read your columns will take judicial note and in future amend their verdicts accordingly?

Yours faithfully,
W. STUART FROST,
51 Grangewood,
Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Luncheon

HM Government
Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, presided at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, to mark the World Conference on Medical Education.

Appointment

Wynn Institute for Metabolic Research
Following the retirement of Professor Michael Oliver, CBE, FRCP, the Wynn Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr John C. Stevenson, FRCP, as its new Medical Director. The Wynn Institute is affiliated to the National Heart and Lung Institute (NHLI) in London's Chelsea where Dr Stevenson is an Honorary Senior Lecturer.

Windsor Castle

The Precincts are open seven days a week. From April to September the opening hours are 10.30am to 5pm, and in October and November they are 10.30am to 4pm.

The State Apartments are open seven days a week. The opening hours are 10.30am to 5pm from April to October only.

Queen Mary's Dolls' House is open daily from 10.30am. Last admission from April to September is 4.30pm (October, November and February, 3.30pm; December and January, 2.30pm).

The exhibition of the Queen's presents and royal carriages is open from Monday to Saturday from 10.30am to 3pm.

Church news

Appointment
The Rev Roger Wild, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Ripon and Rural Dean of Ripon: to be Rector, Barwick-in-Elmet, w. Scholes (Ripon).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev Michael Staines, Rector, West Wycombe w. Bledlow Ridge, Bradenham and Radnage (Oxford): retired as from June 30.

The Rev Peter Duncan, Priest-in-charge, North Woolwich, St John w. Silvertown (Chelmsford): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev David Eve, Vicar, St Giles, Rowley Regis (Birmingham): to resign as from October 31.

The Rev Canon Ken Gardiner, Vicar, St Philip and St James, Walderslade (Rochester): to retire as from September 30, but continue as Rural Dean of Rochester.

The Rev Richard Hovil, Vicar, Fremington (Exeter): to retire as from February 1, 1994.

The Rev Paul Newsum, Vicar, St Mark, Kingstanding (Birmingham): to retire as from September 30.

The Rev Julian Waite, incumbent, Marden (Canterbury): resigned as from July 11.

The Rev Patricia Whelan, Parish Deacon, St Ebbe w. Holy Trinity and St Peter-le-Bailey, Oxford (Oxford): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev David Williams, Rector, Raddon Team Ministry (Exeter): to retire as from August 31.

Latest wills

Miss Jean Mary Gillian Jacomb-Hood, of South Harting, West Sussex, left estate valued at £509,929 net.

She left personal legacies totalling £185,600 and the residue to the Royal Horticultural Society, desiring it be used "for training people studying how to carry out gardening and how to maintain designed gardens".

Capt John Shirley Sandys **Litchfield**, RN retd, of Bearstead, Kent, Conservative MP for Chelsea 1959-66, left estate valued at £1,319,573.

Richard Archibald, 7th Earl **Fortescue**, of Swinbrook, Oxfordshire, Conservative Opposition Whip in the House of Lords 1978-79, left estate valued at £1,019,846 net.

Vivian Margaret **Ingledew**, of Catterick Bridge, Richmond, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £876,834 net. She died intestate.

Other Estates include (net before tax paid):
Mr John Robert **Bell**, of Carlisle, Cumbria £666,936
Mr James Hilton **Bentley**, of Boscombe, Dorset £761,661
Mr Thomas **Bowmer**, of Fritchley, Derbyshire £830,730
Group Capt Thomas Lloyd **Davies**, retd, of Melksham, Wiltshire £957,221
Mr Brian Sheffield **Grace**, of London SW7 ..... £1,160,857
Mr Peter Douglas **Hale**, of Stagsden, Bedfordshire ... £583,744
Dr Madge Elizabeth **Johnson**, of Bramhall, Greater Manchester £536,171
Marjorie **Laing**, of Disley, Cheshire £550,627
Mr Roderick MacDonald **Mackay**, of Hadley Wood, Hertfordshire £505,072
Dr Selig **Marguiles**, of London NW4 ..... £660,419
Mrs Joanna Mary **Marnan**, of Salisbury, Wiltshire £1,185,068
Mrs Nellie **Marshall**, of Birmingham £608,289
Mr Alfred Piper **Milne**, of Crondall, Hampshire £610,635
Mrs Cissie Beatrice **Moore**, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire £959,079
Mrs Winifred Mary **Morrell**, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire £1,378,998
Mrs Enid Florence **Newman**, of Beaconsfield, Bucks £555,074
Dr Ramon Francis **Norris**, of Streetly, West Midlands.. £599,823
Mr Reginald Derrick **Parker**, of Beckenham, Kent £859,212
Mr Phillip John **Pollock**, of Wokingham, Berkshire £602,721
Mrs Mabel **Priestley**, of Bradford, West Yorkshire £574,361
Mrs Phyllis Joan **Prime**, of Stinchcombe, Gloucestershire ... £639,586
Mr Arthur John **Ryder**, of Clifton Hill, London NW8 ..... £1,988,120
Mrs Hilda Margaret **Sammons**, of Aldridge, West Midlands £778,086
Mr Alfred John **Sanford**, of Tadworth, Surrey £571,042
Mary Frances **Shaw**, of Sampford Courtenay, Devon £525,058
Mr Eric **Smith**, of Hampstead, London NW3 ..... £675,183
Mr Norman Arthur **Webb**, of Brighton £511,138
Mr Roy Douglas **Wedd**, of Marlborough, Wiltshire £1,157,544
Dorothy **Whiteway**, of Camberley, Surrey £694,388
Mrs Yvonne Barado **Williams**, of Kingsbridge, Devon £609,624
Mrs Joyce Doreen **Woodeson**, of Alnwick, Northumberland £1,417,993


DES JENSON

The crunch: Jonathon and Christian Glenny of Forest Hill, southeast London, sample the apples on display at Covent Garden yesterday

Apple season starts with English sodden delicious

BY JOHN YOUNG

IT WAS not quite the darling buds of May. Promptly at noon yesterday, as though cued by a teleprompter, the sticky rains of August fell on the Covent Garden piazza, drenching Ma Larkin and dampening the official launch of the English apple season.

Forty or so years ago, television would have us believe, the Garden of England was bathed in perpetual sunshine. Not so in London 1993. Pam Ferris, the actress who plays the H. E. Bates character Ma in ITV's adaptation of his comic novel, put on her broadest smile for the photographers as a couple of bemused Spaniards enquired the way to St Paul's.

"You're at least four miles away," replied a jovial Peter Holmes, a grower from Danbury, Essex, whose knowledge of how to grow a Cox's Orange Pippin appeared to outrank his knowledge of the capital. "The whole thing is looking very nice," he added, referring not to the cathedral but to the outlook for top fruit.

"The fruit won't be as big as last year, because of the cooler weather," he said. "But the flavour will be super. There has been a big change in consumer tastes in the last few years. It used to be golden delicious or golden delicious. Now people are looking for variety."

Maggie Berry, who grows Cox's Bramley and Discovery apples and Comice pears on her farm near Faversham, Kent, said the apples, in particular, were looking excellent, and the recent rain had helped.

Joanna Wood, of English Apples and Pears Ltd, said that supermarkets, which until recently relied heavily on imports, were now changing their ideas and had become much more supportive of the home industry. "They are at last realising that English apples are what their customers want to buy," she said.

In spring and summer consumers have to buy imported apples from the southern hemisphere. But from this month more than 20 varieties of English apples will be back on the shelves, bearing such evocative names as Egremont Russet, Laxton's Superb, Kidd's Orange Red, Lord Lambourne and Chiver's Delight.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.H. Findlay and Miss C.X. Bourdillon
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Findlay, of Wye, Kent, and Charmian, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bourdillon, of Highgate, London.

Mr M.E.H. Skeet and Miss S.A. Morland
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Skeet, of Winchester, and Sophy, only daughter of Mr Dominic Morland, of Bures, Suffolk, and Mrs Laura Morland, of London.

Mr J.M. van der Merwe and Miss L-K. Edgar
The engagement is announced between John Michael, youngest son of Dr and Mrs S.B. van der Merwe, of Sudbury, Derbyshire, and Lucy-Kate, youngest daughter of the late Mr William Edgar and of Mrs Ian Pease, of Staindrop, Co Durham.

Mr P.G. White and Dr J.C.M. Van Hamel
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr A.F.S. White and Mrs M.H. Thomas, of Wiltshire, and Clare, youngest daughter of Mr A.P.T. Van Hamel and the late J. Van Hamel, of Derbyshire.

Marriages

Dr R.L. Jennings and Miss C.D. Lewis
The marriage of Dr Richard L. Jennings and Miss Christine D. Lewis took place on July 30, at Horsham Register Office, West Sussex.

Mr G.E.R. Wood and Miss C.T. Johnson
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 7, at Holy Trinity, Fontill Gifford, between Mr Edmund Wood, son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, and Miss Caroline Johnson, daughter of Canon and Mrs Anthony Johnson. The Rev John May officiated, assisted by the Rev Jonathan Meyrick.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Nicola Cooke, Kate Cooke and Beatrix May. Mr Derek Hayward was best man.

The reception was held at Sedgehill Manor.

Today's birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays
Mr John Alldis, conductor, 64; Sir Frank Bowden, industrialist and landowner, 84; Dame Gillian Brown, diplomat, 70; Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, 60; Sir Lawrence Byford, former HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, 68; Mrs Leila Campbell, former chairman, ILEA, 82.

General Sir George Cooper, 68; Professor Alexander Goehr, composer, 61; Sir Alan Hardcastle, accountancy adviser to HM Treasury, 60; Mr Leonard Lickorish, former director-general, British Tourist Authority, 72; Lord Lisle, 90.

Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, director of Public Prosecutions, 53; Miss Kate O'Mara, actress, 54; Lord Porrit, 93; Mr David Rowland, Chairman of Lloyd's, 60; Lord Stewartby, 58; Mrs Elizabeth Thomas, literary consultant, 74; Mr Richard Wells, chief constable, South Yorkshire, 53.


The actress Kate O'Mara is 54 today

Anniversaries
BIRTHS: Sir Charles Napier, soldier, London, 1782; Count Camillo di Cavour, Italian patriot, Turin, 1810; Charles Keene, artist, Hornsey, 1823; J. Scott Lidgett, theologian, London, 1854; Sir Almroth Wright, bacteriologist, Yorkshire, 1861; Laurence Binyon, poet, Lancaster, 1869.

Herbert Hoover, 31st American President 1929-33, West Branch, Iowa, 1874; Leo Fender, pioneer of the electric guitar, Anaheim, California, 1909.

DEATHS: Allan Ramsay, artist, Dover, 1784; John Wilson Croker, politician, London, 1857; Sir George Staunton, writer, London, 1859; Otto Lilienthal, pioneer aviator, Berlin, 1896; Oswald Veblin, mathematician, Maine, 1960.

King Charles II laid the foundation stone of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, 1675.

The Smithsonian Institute was established at Washington by a bequest from James Smithson, an English scientist, to foster scientific research, 1846.

The Japanese fleet defeated the Russians off Port Arthur, 1904.

University news

Oxford
University prizes
Patrick Mallam Memorial Prize in Clinical Medicine: Jane Pritchard, Green College.

John Pearce Memorial Prizes in Surgery: Nicola Shan Fearnhead, Merton College; Guy Moncreiffe Gribben, St Edmund Hall; Lucy Emma Ruth Haynes, St Edmund Hall; Kevin James Turner, Lincoln College; Craig William Vickery, St Edmund Hall.

Hicks and Webb Medley Prizes: John Dolfin, Merton College; Lucy M. White, St John's College; Helen F. Weeds, Brasenose College.

Cambridge
Selwyn College
Elected to a Fellowship from October 1, 1994: Peter Kendrew Fox, University Librarian Elect.

Elected to a Bye Fellowship 1993-4 on his appointment as Director of Music in Chapel: Andrew John Gant.

Elected to a Visiting Bye Fellowship for the Easter term 1994: Richard William Alexander McKinney, Trinity College, Victoria, Australia.

Archaeology gives ancient 'thugs' a new image

Philistines reclaim their place in history

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN EKRON, ISRAEL

FROM the Old Testament accounts of the thuggish giant Goliath being felled by David's sling to the 1949 Cecil B de Mille epic depicting Samson's betrayal by the conniving seductress Delilah, the Philistines have been reviled for 3,000 years as the biblical boors of antiquity.

And yet, thanks largely to the efforts of the descendants of their ancient Jewish rivals, the Philistines are today finally shedding their reputation for uncultured brutishness and reclaiming their place in history as an influential and sophisticated society.

Beneath a cornfield near the Israeli kibbutz at Revadim, some 20 miles west of Jerusalem, archaeologists have resumed their excavations of Ekron, an 80-acre site and the best preserved of the five main Philistine cities that once were the political and industrial hub of the eastern Mediterranean coast.

Nathan Aidlin, the curator of the local museum who discovered and identified Ekron, said the digs had revealed that the Philistines emigrated from the Aegean and Asia minor and founded a society which flourished from 1200 BC until about 700 BC.

"Far from being backward, the Philistines were highly evolved and established the first urban centres in this area," he said, with an admiration that would no doubt have made his Jewish ancestors turn in their graves. "The Israelites by comparison at the time were at the early stages of their development. They were essentially semi-nomadic herders living in the hills, like the bedouin — they had no civilisation."

His unorthodox respect for a people responsible for killing King Saul in battle, capturing the Ark of the Covenant and subjugating the Jews for years in their own land, is nevertheless borne out by the archaeological evidence at his feet.

Apart from establishing the first walled cities in the area, the Philistines also introduced a developed system of government, including taxes and public services. They were also technologically a superpower in the region, having mastered the ability to produce iron in an area where bronze was still the basic metal for tools and weapons.

Historians are particularly impressed by how industrious the Philistines were, pointing to the extensive olive oil presses discovered at Ekron, which they estimate could produce about 1,000 tons of oil a year for export, the equivalent of more than 20 per cent of Israel's production today.

Although no traces of any written Philistine language has been uncovered, they nevertheless appeared to be a cultured people, judging from the distinctive geometric designs on their pottery and the elaborate jewellery, chalices and ornaments discovered on the site. With this legacy being unearthed it is difficult to understand how the Philistines came to be so maligned.

While acknowledging that the unflattering description of the Philistines in *The Bible* is largely to blame, Trude Dothan, an archaeologist at Hebrew University and the co-author of *People of the Sea: The Search for the Philistines*, nevertheless blamed European theologians in the 17th century for the modern meaning of the word. According to Cockeram's English lexicon of 1623, a "Phylistean embrace" was an attempt to "picke one's purse and cut his throat. Miege's French dictionary of 1688 went even further, defining Philistin as "a lewd and drunken person".

The current meaning, however, was coined in the German university town of Jena in 1693 after a particularly violent brawl between college students and local workmen. Pastor Gotz, the university chaplain, in his Sunday sermon compared the local louts to Philistines for their uncultured, vulgar behaviour. The label stuck.

The rehabilitation process, however, is under way and in their ancient homeland at least appears to be almost complete. Israeli schoolchildren are today taken to the Ekron museum as part of their history lessons and actually produce olive oil on a model of an ancient Philistine press. Even Arabs in the holy land have attempted to draw links between the ancient Philistines and today's Palestinians to bolster their hereditary claims to the land.

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Then, starting from Moses and all the prophets, he explained to them in the whole of scripture the things that referred to himself.
St. Luke 24 : 27

BIRTHS

BARR - Penny (née Crowther-Hunt) and Andrew are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter Eleni Joyce Lucy on 8th August 1993, a sister to William Norman.

BENET - On August 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Patricia and Lincoln, a son, William Edward, a brother for twin sister's Chandler and Teresa.

BROOKE-SMITH - To Wendy (née Rhodes) and John on 5th August, a son, George, a brother for Holly and Marcus.

BROOKS-WARD - On 1st August, to Christina (née Burn) and James, a daughter, Harriet Shirley.

FALES - Born on July 21st 1993 at The Portland Hospital, to Kim and Jon, a wonderful son, Graham Conrath Fales.

HARRIS - On August 7th, to Amelia (née Azia) and Peter, a son, Nicholas, a brother for Jack.

JEFFREY - On August 7th 1993, to Susie and Tony, a daughter, Sarah.

KORNITZER - On 12th July to Kay (née Sergeant) and Clive, a son, Alexander Paul.

LEBETKIN - On August 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen and Jamie Lebetkin, a beautiful daughter, Charlotte Rose, a sister for Daniel.

MAVROLEON - On August 6th at The Portland Hospital, to Carine and Basil, a son, Nicolas Basil Giuseppe.

O'CONNOR - On August 1st at The Portland Hospital, to Ingrid and Kevin, a wonderful son, Gregory Luke, a brother for Sarah and Philip.

BIRTHS

POLLARD - On 31st July 1993, in Poissy, France, to Fiona (née Mackintosh) and Mark, a son, Adam Matthew Harris, a brother for Hayley and Charles.

PRICE - On July 30th, to Julie (née Rann) and Adam, a daughter, Georgia Elizabeth. (Deo Gratias).

RYDER - On 31st July, to Julie (née Fincher) and Mark, a daughter, Danielle Louise, a sister for Leanne.

SAWYER - On 6th day of August 1993 at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, Paddington, to Judith Gay-Davies and Raymond, a son, Alexander James.

SILCOCK - On July 10th, to Lesley (née Tuttl) and Nicholas, a daughter, Emily Grace, a sister for Hannah.

SNELL - On August 6th at The Maidstone Hospital, to Sarah (née Peters) and Kevin, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca.

STEWART - On August 8th, to Lucy and David, a daughter, Iona.

STYLE - On 8th August, to Christopher and Victoria, a son, Charles David.

TYNDALL - On August 7th, to Kathryn (née White) and Tim, a son, Alexander Thomas, a brother for James.

VELAISE - On July 22nd, to Jennifer Lee (née Fate) and Jean-Louis, a son, Alexander Berry Well.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

GLOVER:LOCHORE - On 10th August 1943 at St Peter's, Vere Street, Surgeon Lieutenant E.C. (Buster) Glover to Jean Mary (Jane) Lochore. Rawdon Hall, Holyport.

DEATHS

ASHTON OF HYDE - On August 9th, peacefully at home, Marjorie, widow of Raymond, Lord Ashton of Hyde. Funeral at Broadwell Church at 2.30 pm on Monday August 16th. Family flowers only, but, if desired, donations in lieu to Stimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust c/o Barclays Bank, Slow on the Wold, Gloucestershire.

SALASUBRAMANIAM - E. on 7th August peacefully after a long illness at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. Dear husband of Kay and much loved father of Richard. Funeral Service at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, School Lane, Alvechurch, on Wednesday 11th August at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Macmillan Nurses Appeal, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

COLLINS - On 8th August, peacefully, Audrey Mary (née White) aged 82. Widow of Bill, beloved mother of Penelope and loved by Graham. Dearest granny to Victoria, Mark and Edward. Loving great-grandmother to Mark and Clare's children Theodore and Florence. Funeral Service at St Lawrence's Church, Winchester, on Thursday 12th August at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations to St Lawrence Church c/o Jno. Steel & Son Ltd., Chesil House, Winchester.

CROSSAN - Suddenly on July 23rd in Indonesia, Jack, dearly beloved husband of Jillian and adored father of Steven, Sean and Lisa, also Edwina and John.

CUTHBERTSON - Geoffrey Bourne, on 9th August 1993, aged 92, peacefully at Lingfield Lodge, Funeral private. Please no flowers but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund.

DEATHS

DUDLEY-SMITH - Major Edward Dudley, M.C., T.D., on August 6th, peacefully in Guernsey. Funeral private, at his request.

ERSKINE - On August 7th peacefully in Southmead Hospital, Bristol, Barbara Catherine (née Heinrich) aged very nearly 83, dearly loved widow of John after 50 very happy years. Adored mother of Jonathan and Jeanine, Valerie and Alan and Robert and Jenny and greatly loved and loving grandmother of Oliver, Melissa, Matthew, Nicky, Liam, Clare, Sarah, Alexis, Sust and Laura. Funeral Service Bath Abbey, Monday August 16th 11.30 am. Co-operative Funeral Directors, Church Road, Redfield, Bristol, BS5 9JS.

FLINDALL - R.W.S. (Buster) suddenly on Sunday 8th August, late of Colombo, Ceylon. Loving husband of Louise and devoted father to Nicola, Rachel, Jeremy and Jolyon. Adored grandfather of Margaux and Oliver. Thanksgiving Service at St John the Baptist, Aldenham, at 2.30 pm on Thursday 12th August. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Harefield Hospital Fund.

GRAHAM - Elizabeth Anne, died peacefully at home in Kingston on 7th August 1993. She is sorely missed by her husband John, by her nieces Michelle and Sarah Turner, and by her many friends. The funeral service will be at Leatherhead Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, on Thursday 12th August at 11.30 am. Flowers and enquiries to Garners Funeral Service Ltd., Wolverton Avenue, Kingston, (081-549 3329), please.

HORSFALL - In Toowoomba, Queensland, on 9th August 1993, peacefully after a short illness, Mary (née Sidgwick), beloved wife of Dr W.R. (Bill) Horsfall. Much loved by her large family in Australia and England.

DEATHS

HUBBARD - Dorothy Muriel (Jamsy) on 6th August 1993 peacefully in hospital after a short illness, much loved mother of Julia and Martin and grandmother of Olivia and Guy. Cremation at Kingsdown Crematorium, Swindon, 10.30am Thursday 12th August. Flowers to Thomas Free & Sons, Marlborough (0672-512110).

JENKINS - David Stephen of Hanover, Llangarron, Ross-on-Wye. Son of Canon I.S. Jenkins of St Ives, Cornwall. Died peacefully on 7th August 1993 after a short illness borne with great courage. Devoted husband, father and friend. Former Chairman of the Wine & Spirit Association. Private funeral. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, either to R.N.L.I. or to W & S Trade Benevolent Society c/o W. Bevan, 16 Old Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 5JQ.

LEONARD - Vera (née Moore), widow of E.R. (Bob) Leonard, peacefully, aged 93, on Friday 6th August 1993. Memorial Service at St Michael's, Blackheath Park, 11.30 am Friday 27th August.

McCALL - On 7th August in Winchester Hospital, after a short illness, Molly, widow of Admiral Sir Henry McCall. Beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial Service at Worsten 2.30pm Friday 20th August.

NEWMAN - On August 7th at home after a long illness aged 75, Edward Arthur 'Ted', FBCS, FIEEE. Funeral on Friday August 13th at Woking St Johns Crematorium at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations in lieu to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, c/o W.G. Wort FD, tel: (0932) 843145.

DEATHS

RAMSFORD - Oliver Neil, on 5th August aged 79 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Beloved husband of Irene and father of Andrew, Carol and Charlotte.

ROBERTSON - On August 6th 1993 peacefully in The London Clinic, at the age of 82, Alice (née Reagen), dearly loved and devoted wife of David, mother of Virginia, John and Nicolas and grandmother of Alice, Harriet and Charles. Requiem Mass at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London W1, at 2.30 pm on Friday August 13th to be followed later by a private cremation. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to The Leukaemia Research Fund, 43 Great Ormond Street, London WC1.

ROSS-SMITH - On August 4th Alban (Bill), beloved and loving husband of Jenny, father of Ian and Susan (Mollie). Funeral private. Memorial Service at St Marys Parish Church Easebourne, Midhurst, at 3pm on Wednesday August 11th 1993. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Arthritis Research may be sent to L.F. Lindott & Son, (0730 813264).

SHOOT - Maurice, passed away on Wednesday August 4th. Deeply mourned by Gina, daughter Linda, sisters, grandchildren and many friends.

SPENCE - Joan (née Anderson, formerly Hunt), on August 6th after the bravest of battles, beloved and loving wife of James, much loved mother of Nigel and Geoffrey, dearest sister of John and sister-in-law of Liz. Funeral Service at York Crematorium on Thursday August 12th at 2 pm, floral tributes may be sent to J.O. Fielder & Son, Funeral Directors, 48-50 Clarence Street, York. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

DEATHS

STARNES - Wing Commander Raymond F. Starnes DFC, RAF retired, dearly loved by June and children Penelope, David, Sarah, Gerald, Hermione, Simon, Amanda, Frances and Jennifer. Died at the Sue Ryder Home on the evening of August 6th. Funeral at All Saint's Church, Woldingham, on Thursday August 12th at 12.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, to the Sue Ryder Home Nettlebed c/o J.B. Hall, 142 Fincharnsteud Road, Woldingham (0734) 793623.

STERNFELD - On 4th August 1993 at Thamesbank Nursing Home, Goring, after a long illness, Sophia, aged 96, beloved wife of Fred, mother of Thelma. Funeral private.

SYROP - Dr Sara., beloved wife of Konrad, mother of Helen, Mary, Barbara and Alan, died suddenly and peacefully on 7th August. Funeral private, donations to N.S.P.C.C.

THOMSON - On August 9th 1993, peacefully after dedicated care by the staff at Huntington House Nursing Home, Andrew Richard Douglas aged 91, formerly of Uddesdale, Roxburghshire and Clatterbridge, Wirral. Late Chairman of Staveley Taylor & Co., Liverpool. Husband of Daphne, father of Phillipa, Guy and Elspeth and grandfather (Boo Boo) to Richard and Anthony, Alice and Helen. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Monday August 16th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations to R.S.P.B., The Lodge, Sandy, Beds., would be appreciated. Enquiries to J. Gorringe & Son, Funeral Directors, tel: (0483) 416403.

DEATHS

TODD, (Née Williams), Eryl Anne, on August 9th, aged 54, peacefully, after a long illness, borne with exceptional courage. Loving wife of Paul, dear mother of Michael and John. Her outstanding qualities will be sorely missed by close family and all who knew her. Private family cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, on Wednesday 11th August at 3.00pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to Cancer Research.

TYZACK - On August 5th 1993, peacefully, Joan Mary (née Palmer), beloved widow of Ernest Rodolph Tyzack M.B.E. Loving mother of Jennifer, John, Richard, David and Catherine. Much loved by them and their families and her fourteen grandchildren. Funeral Service at Staplegrove Parish Church on Tuesday August 24th at 2.30 pm, followed by cremation.

WEST - On August 8th, suddenly but peacefully, Trevor Russell, husband of Jo, beloved father of Jeremy and Caroline and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Amersham Crematorium at 2.30 pm Wednesday August 11th. No flowers please but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge Street, London W1H 4DH.

WHITLOCK - On August 5th 1993, peacefully at home at Bascary, Edna May (née Kingdon) aged 92. Devoted widow of Percy Whitlock, organist and composer, a musician in her own right. Funeral Service 3.30 pm Friday 13th August at St Luke & St Teresa Church, Wincanton, followed by interment. No flowers by request. Enquiries to Thomas Green Funeral Director, Wincanton. tel: (0963) 32724.

IN MEMORIAM — WAR

JONES - David, 49th Squadron R.A.F. Our dear brother lost to us 10th/11th August 1943. Forever bright in our memory.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR J. K. EASTHAM

Professor Jack Kenneth Eastham, economist, died in a nursing home at Ambleston, Dyfed, on August 1 aged 92. He was born in Poynton, Cheshire, on July 15, 1901.



KENNETH EASTHAM, "JK", as he was known to generations of students and friends, was a leading figure in the modernisation of economics teaching in Scotland, the author of a widely used standard undergraduate textbook of the 1950s and the founder of three university economics departments — in Dundee, in Turkey and in Nigeria. Above all he was an inspiring teacher.

Kenneth Eastham was educated at Bishop Wordsworth's School, Salisbury, Manchester University and the London School of Economics. At Manchester, he studied physics, which gave him the numerate basis, rare among economists at the time, to undertake the BSc (Econ) course as an evening student at the LSE. As an LSE student he spent his days teaching at tough elementary and central schools in Peckham and for light relief spent his spare time as a boxing coach for the sons of dockers at a Rotherhithe boys' club.

Having impressed William Beveridge (later Lord Beveridge), then Director of the LSE, with his intellectual and organisational talents, Eastham was appointed, on his recommendation, first as secretary of the London and Cambridge Economic Service and then in 1931 as the foundation director of studies at the Dundee School of Economics — where he stayed for 30 years. At Dundee, he was able to build-up an extremely talented teaching team (including the future Nobel prizewinner Ronald Coase), to place the school on the leading-edge of Scottish economics teaching, and to lay the foundations of today's highly successful department of economics at the University of Dundee.

Service at Dundee was, however, interrupted by a period during the second world war when, as a temporary civil servant, Eastham gained rapid promotion to a senior position in the defence procurement section of the Ministry of Supply. He used to recall the highlight of this experience as being the day that he signed the massive cheque to pay for the Mulberry Harbour for the D-Day invasion of Europe.

In 1959 Eastham took the opportunity to spend a year as visiting professor at the University of Ankara. This experience proved so stimulating that he chose to spend his sixties as foundation professor of economics at two other overseas universities — the Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara, and Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (Northern Nigeria), where he was able to deploy his experience and enthusiasm in establishing two strong economics departments. Finally he returned to England to round-off his teaching career back at the London School of Economics during the eventful and perhaps not so rewarding 1967-68 session.

As a teacher, Eastham specialised in economic theory and he encapsulated his teaching methods and ideas in two textbooks — *An Introduction to Economic Analysis* (1950) and *Graphical Economics* (1954). The former held sway in British universities during the early 1950s as the leading British competitor to the standard American textbooks (a rivalry he relished), while Spanish and Japanese translations meant that his books were widely read overseas.

Eastham was not just a theorist, however. He undertook research and published papers on the local economy of Dundee, British milk marketing arrangements and the international tin industry and served as economic consultant to the Tin Marketing Board. But, above all, J. K. Eastham will be remembered by his students in Scotland, Turkey, Nigeria and the Indian sub-continent as a rigorous, sympathetic and encouraging tutor who set many of them off to rewarding careers in business, public administration and academia.

For nearly 60 years, Eastham was staunchly supported in all that he did by his wife Marjorie who died in 1987. He leaves a son and a daughter.

EWEN McEWEN

Ewen McEwen, CBE, engineer, died on July 10 aged 77. He was born in Paraguay on January 13, 1916.



THE liveliness of Ewen McEwen's mind and his relish for life were reflected in the diversity of his career, which started as a prize-winning engineering graduate in 1935. He served with distinction in the second world war as a lieutenant-colonel before embarking on a range of senior engineering and academic posts which included the presidency of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and serving as Scientific Adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry. He had rare qualities of intellect and colleagues remember him for the sharpness and creativity of his mind and an ability to get to the root of a problem quickly.

The son of a mining engineer, McEwen was educated at Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh and University College London. His early industrial training was with David Brown & Sons. He was a founder member of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and was an assistant director of tank design from 1943 to 1946 and assistant chief engineer in the fighting vehicle design department, 1946-47.

In the immediate postwar period he was, for seven years, Professor of Agricultural Engineering at King's College, Durham, followed by three years as director of the armament research and development establishment at Fort Halstead. There followed a nine-year period at Massey Ferguson which culminated with his appointment as deputy managing drector in 1963. He then joined the Hobourn Group and was managing director from 1965 to 1967, subsequently moving to Lucas Industries where he was vice-chairman (engineering) until his retirement in 1980. Following his retirement he retained an active interest in engineering as a consultant.

Ewen McEwen had a wide range of interests, from heraldry to masonic history, but his life long passion was sailing. He was a member of several yacht clubs and progressed to vice commodore of Parkstone Yacht Club.

Despite the demands of his working life, McEwen relished the challenges provided by a formidable array of extra-curricular activities. He commanded REME 50 (N) Infantry Division TA, 1949-52; was honorary colonel, Durham University OTC, 1955-60; a fellow of University College London, 1965; president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, 1976; a member of the Design Council, 1971-77; and of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body, 1971-83. He was chairman of the Metrology and Standards Requirements Board, 1973-77, and visiting professor, Imperial College, 1971-78. He was appointed CBE in 1975 and received honorary doctorates of science from Heriot-Watt and Newcastle universities.

He is survived by his wife Barbara and by their two sons and one daughter.

LUIS de STTAU MONTEIRO

Luis de Sttau Monteiro, Portuguese writer, died in Lisbon following a stroke on July 27 aged 67. He was born in Lisbon in 1926.

LUIS de Sttau Monteiro was best known for his satirical play *Felizmente Ha Luar!* (1961, Fortunately There Is Moonlight!). In the 1960s he was for a short time Portugal's leading modern playwright, even temporarily overtaking Bernardo Santareno and Francisco Rebello in popularity and critical estimation because of it. When first put on, this Brechtian satire, in particular on the military, was instantly banned. But it became a favourite of clandestine theatre groups, and when the dictatorship was finally toppled in a bloodless coup in 1974 it was chosen — as the most fitting symbol of resistance — to re-open the National Theatre.

It had long, in any case, had the honourable status of *teatro de gaveta* ("confined to the desk drawer"). But that event took place under a left-wing "revolutionary" government: there were not a few members of the Conservative Democrats who eventually supplanted this government who still deeply disapproved of Monteiro.

An aggressive socialist, he had twice been imprisoned by Salazar's secret police for "subversion". During one of his sojourns in jail, in 1961, he wrote what is probably his best and most lasting work, the novel *E Se For Rapariga Chama-se Custodia* (If It's A Girl We'll Call Her Custody) which got around the censors by being presented as an allegory. Monteiro was a humorous man who once described Portugal as "a small country where the dogs are huge and too plentiful for the bone". He admitted that it had been more the oppressiveness of the regime than anything else which had driven him to become a writer.

He was the son of a professional diplomat who took him to live in London in 1936. He went back to Lisbon in 1943, but returned to England in 1953 to compete, alongside such drivers as Stirling Moss, in the Cooper Formula II team. (Tragically his own son died in a motorcycle accident in 1987.) By 1958 his family had persuaded him to abandon motor racing. He returned to Lisbon — where he took up a new sport, that of baiting Salazar's policemen and bureaucrats.

At his death Mario Soares, Portugal's president, condoled his widow thus: "Luis Monteiro was a man of freedom . . . I have always appreciated his verve, his story-telling abilities, his irreverence, and his free spirit."

ROY BUDD

Roy Budd, pianist and film composer, died in London on June 7 aged 46. He was born in Mitcham, Surrey, on March 14, 1947.



A MULTI-FACETED musician and composer, Roy Budd died just days after finishing work on what he regarded as the most challenging project of his career, a symphonic score to the classic 1925 film version of *Phantom of the Opera*. Budd suffered a brain haemorrhage less than a week after supervising the technical mix of the arrangements. It was his first silent film assignment. He was to have conducted the score with the Young Musicians Symphony Orchestra in a fund-raising premiere at the Barbican Hall next month in aid of Unicef's humanitarian operations in Bosnia. Performances have also been scheduled for the Deutsche Oper in Berlin and the Paris Opéra.

Budd's talents as a pianist were apparent from an early age. The son of a Mitcham grocer and entirely self-taught, he gave his first public performance at the age of six. Two years later he was given the day off school to play boogie-woogie piano at the British Industries Fair at Olympia and by the age of 12 had appeared on the popular television variety show *Sunday Night at the London Palladium*. Newspapers were already describing him as Britain's youngest jazz pianist.

After he left school at 16, his interest in jazz led him to form his own trio, which eventually became a regular feature at the long-established music room of the Bull's Head in Barnes, southwest London. Along with his bassist Pete Morgan and his drummer Chris Karan, Budd subsequently played with many visiting American musicians.

His career as a film composer began when, at the age of 20, he scored the feature film *Soldier Blue*, on which he worked with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. His next project, Mike Hodges' bleak, amoral thriller *Get Carter* — starring Michael Caine — was much less lavish, but no less effective for that. In all Budd scored more than 50 film and television productions, among them *Zeppelin*, *Sinbad and the Eye of the Tiger*, *The Sea Wolves* and *The Wild Geese*.

He was also in demand on the international concert circuit, appearing alongside Mel Torme, Sarah Vaughan and Antonio Carlos Jobim. After signing with the Pye label he made several middle-of-the-road and light classical albums.

Away from the stage Budd was active in charity fund-raising. One of his more unlikely achievements was to set a world record by playing non-stop with his trio for 24 hours, a feat recorded on BBC Radio 2. He was also one of the organisers of a day-long concert — starring Kenny Ball, Adelaide Hall and Humphrey Lyttelton — to raise funds for the people of Romania. Through that project Budd renewed his friendship with the mouth organ player Larry Adler, and the two men regularly appeared together in clubs and concert halls.

Their double-act was usually an impromptu affair: when Adler announced a tune, Budd would invariably call out "What key are we in, Larry?" His musicianship was such that, whatever the lack of preparation, the duets flowed seamlessly.

Budd's interest in composing for a silent film was aroused after seeing Kevin Brownlow's restored version of the Abel Gance masterpiece *Napoleon*, with a score by Carl Davis. In 1991, with the help of a number of friends, Budd acquired a rare 35mm print of *Phantom of the Opera* — originally conceived as a vehicle for Lon Chaney — and started on the intricate process of devising orchestrations.

He was married twice, firstly to the singer Caterina Valente — by whom he had a son — and more recently to the French television presenter, Sylvia Noel.

STEPHEN PATON

Stephen Henry Paton, Radley College schoolmaster and a tutor at Christ Church, Oxford, died on August 2 aged 94. He was born on January 19, 1899.

STEPHEN PATON lived a life that was socially useful, intellectually serious and richly rewarded by the love of his family, the respect of his colleagues and the affection of his old pupils.

Educated at Mundella School in Nottingham, he was just old enough to serve in the Royal Artillery in the first world war before being admitted to Wadham to read Classical Greats. He took the Oxford Diploma in Geography and, subsequently, degrees in German and French.

With these qualifications his first teaching post was at Midhurst Grammar School in West Sussex and then after two years he moved on to Radley College, a public school better known at that time for social and athletic prowess than for intellectual achievement.

Together with several co-equal colleagues, Paton was responsible for persuading Warden Ferguson and the council to raise the value of the scholarships and in general to attach more importance to academic studies; thus began a process which, with the efforts of several outstanding wardens, especially Dennis Silk, has raised Radley to a leading position among today's public schools and produced a number of outstanding public servants and scholars.

While never a headmaster, Paton's work both as a housemaster and as a senior master gave him great influence among both colleagues and pupils and showed him to be typical of the best kind of devoted teacher of that period.

After retirement Paton was taken on at Christ Church, Oxford, to help undergraduates to attain satisfactory levels in Latin, French and German. They, like his pupils at Radley, found that they learnt a wide range of history, geography, philosophy — and also common sense — from this short, slightly stout and serious-minded polymath.

Paton's wife Agnes died in 1992. He is survived by one of their two sons and by their three daughters.

Germanos Polizoidis

GERMANOS Polizoidis, the senior Metropolitan Bishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, died in New York on July 13 aged 95.

Polizoidis was the last living signatory of the articles of incorporation of the archdiocese, which covers the western hemisphere and was established in 1922 under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul.

After his ordination in 1927, Polizoidis was assigned to St Demetrios parish in Astoria, New York, where he served for 16 years.

He was elevated to Archimandrite in 1932 and in 1941 became Titular Bishop of Nyssa.

During the second world war he was chairman of the Greek War Bond Committee, urging Americans of Greek extraction to support the government's efforts "to liberate freedom loving people from the darkness of oppressive Fascism."

Polizoidis was designated Metropolitan of Hierapolis in 1962.

He retired in 1963 but continued to serve the archdiocese from his residence in Astoria until he was no longer physically able.

He is survived by two sisters.

MONROE SPAGHT

Monroe Spaght, former president and chairman of Shell Oil, has died while on holiday in the south of France aged 83. He was born in Eureka, California, on December 9, 1909.

MONROE SPAGHT was the first American to join the seven-member board of managing directors at Shell's parent company, the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, in London. This was in 1966 when he had spent five years as president of the company's American subsidiary.

Spaght had played a trombone in a dance-band to support himself during his undergraduate years as a chemistry student at Humboldt State and Stanford universities.

After earning his master's degree in 1930 and a doctorate in chemistry from Stanford in 1933 he joined the Shell Oil Company as a research chemist and began his ascent through the corporation.

He served on the United States Navy's Technical Mission to Europe during the second world war, moving into Germany with the Allies and studying the technical developments that had taken place in German industry during the war. Shortly afterwards he spent seven months in Japan as a director of the US Strategic Bombing Survey, analysing the effects of the bombing on Japanese industry.

He returned to Shell in 1946 and by 1949 was directing the Shell Development Company.

He became an executive vice-president and a director of Shell in the US in 1953 and president eight years later.

He retired as a managing director in 1970 but continued to serve as a director of Royal Dutch and as a director of Shell Oil for another decade.

During this time he wrote several books, among them *Minding My Own Business* (1971) and his memoirs, *The Long Road From Eureka* (1986).

He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

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THE CANTERBURY WEEK

THE AUSTRALIANS v. KENT

An early start was made yesterday on the St. Lawrence ground, Canterbury, when play in this match was concluded. The Australians required 94 to win and had nine wickets in their second venture with which to obtain them. At 20 minutes to 12 Mr. Bannerman (not out 2) proceeded to the wickets with Mr. George Giffen; the bowlers were Wright and A. Hearne. Only four were added and the former clean bowled Mr. Giffen, while a couple of runs later Mr. Trott was finely caught by third man. Three wickets were now placed to the credit of Wright. Mr Gregory, who following in, cut the ball for four, but then he also was bowled, middle stump. Four for 13. The fielding was very keen, and several overs were sent down without a run. Then Mr. Trumble, who had filled the vacancy, made a single, this being the only score in a quarter of an hour. The same batsman then cut a ball of A. Hearne's to the boundary, but the next he sent into the hands of cover-point. Half the wickets had now been lost in 50 minutes for 18 runs. Mr Bruce opened with a drive for four to the on and quickly afterwards sent the ball straight for the same number. After making two fours and a couple off A. Hearne Mr. Bruce was caught at mid-off in the same over. The colonials now required 55 to win and had only four wickets in hand. Mr. Turner joined Mr. Bannerman who was batting with his wonted patience. The former sent a ball to leg for four from Wright which caused the 50 to be registered at 20 minutes to 1. Subsequently Mr. Turner fell to a catch at third man. Seven down. Mr. W. Giffen appeared, and at 56 a change was adopted, Wright giving way to Martin. Without addition to the total the last comer was smartly run out, and on Mr. Coningham's assisting Mr. Bannerman 41 were yet wanted to win with two wickets left. When a couple of these had been gained Mr. Coningham fell to a magnificent catch by Mr. Rashleigh. Nine wickets were lost, and Mr. Blackham aided Mr. Bannerman, but the colonial captain was clean bowled by A. Hearne at a quarter past 1. Total 60. Thus Kent won by 36 runs. Mr Bannerman carried his bat through the innings (which had lasted an hour and three-quarters) for seven runs. Although his play was so patient, it is questionable, when he saw his companions being dismissed for such feeble amounts, whether he would not have suited the interests of the colonials by forcing the game a little.

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The Kent XI will be hard pressed this week at Canterbury to emulate the achievement of their forefathers against "the colonials" one hundred years ago.

NEWS

Bosnian child flies in for treatment

■ A dying five-year-old Bosnian girl whose plight has touched millions of hearts arrived in Britain last night for emergency treatment after Douglas Hurd intervened to get her out of Sarajevo.

Irma Hadzimuratovic was taken to Great Ormond Street hospital where she is expected to undergo surgery for spinal, abdominal and head injuries caused by a Serb bombardment that killed her mother ..... Pages 1, 9

Share prices reach all-time high

■ Share prices jumped to another all-time high, buoyed by accumulating evidence that Britain is seeing a well-balanced recovery with healthy exports, a revival of consumer demand and low inflation. Investors were also encouraged by news that consumers have started to borrow more..... Page 1, 19

Musical of the match

Pavarotti's rendition of *Nessun Dorma* may have brought tears to the eyes of many a television football fan in the last World Cup in Italy; even Paul Gascoigne is best remembered for his lacrimose response to events on the field. Should England make it to America next year, the Geordie may find the music more to his liking..... Page 1

Criminal drivers

Motorists arrested for drink driving will have their fingerprints and picture taken from next year so they effectively gain a criminal record if plans now being circulated are approved..... Page 1

Killing the virus

Scientists meeting in Glasgow this week will debate whether to destroy the last traces of the worst killer of all time, the smallpox virus, or whether to keep it alive under laboratory conditions for research..... Page 2

Child care conviction

A registered child minder was convicted of causing unnecessary suffering to five children she left in her home..... Page 4

Braving the rain

Holidaymakers braved torrential rain as the Met Office issued a severe weather warning after downpours in northern England and southern Scotland..... Page 5

Sentence discounts

Rapists could end up with significantly lower sentences on average than now if proposals for a formal system of sentence discounts in return for early guilty pleas come into force..... Page 6

Growing stocks

Anglers on Scotland's salmon rivers are reporting increased stocks of fish since a crackdown on an international salmon smuggling ring, which has been taking thousands of pounds offish from the North Atlantic and threatened some rivers with salmon extinction..... Page 7

Diplomat shot

An American diplomat, Fred Woodruff, has been shot dead in Georgia in an incident which will further damage the internal security of the embattled Caucasian republic..... Page 8

Serbs pull back

Bosnian Serb forces began a limited withdrawal from Mount Bjelasnica, one of two strategic mountains at the gates of Sarajevo..... Page 9

Wooing Republicans

The White House is trying to enlist the support of moderate Republicans to build a broad-based centrist coalition to help push through President Clinton's legislative agenda for the rest of his term..... Page 10

Chance for Arafat

Although his followers are in revolt and his credibility is shot to pieces, Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman, may emerge victorious from the crisis within the Palestinian leadership..... Page 11

Blazing row lands couple in jail

■ A couple's refusal to live in domestic harmony, in spite of a courtroom promise to tone down their frequent rows, resulted in jail sentences for both of them. The patience of neighbours and a county court judge was stretched to breaking point after a heated argument between William Greechan and his wife, Elizabeth, lasted for 12 hours..... Page 3

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The end-game: Barry Martin finishes his portrait of Nigel Short. A limited edition of 250 lithographs of Short and Garry Kasparov will be available to Times readers next month when the two men play *The Times* World Chess championship. Chess report, page 7

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Kohl appeal: The industrial espionage feud between Volkswagen and General Motors has provoked Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, to urge both sides to devote more time to their industry and less to mud-slinging..... Page 19

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Profits and loss: Customers are suffering as building societies raise profits. Woolwich latest half year pre-tax profits went up from £36 to £88 million..... Page 19

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Cycling: When riders in the Kellogg's Tour of Britain pedalled away from Portsmouth, they left behind a city with a growing reputation for staging international cycling events..... Page 34

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The residents of Hollywood waited with anxiety and excitement for Heidi Fleiss, Tinseltown's alleged madam, to appear in court
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King Albert II was sworn in as the sixth king of of Belgium, despite a libertarian MP's attempt to disrupt the ceremony in Brussels
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The Prince and the Bard

■ How has the Royal Shakespeare Company responded to the request by its president, the Prince of Wales, that it should show school teachers new ways to approach Shakespeare?

Dividing the spoils

■ How the super-rich divorce without tears (and read about it in the fashion columns)

Surplus to requirements

■ With the changes in health care, a number of hospitals are becoming redundant. What does the NHS do with them?

TV LISTINGS

After 70 years of communism the Mogol nation is beginning to rediscover the history of its greatest hero, Genghis Khan. *Storm from the East* (BBC2, 9.45pm), a new four-part series, explains why the man is regarded as a barbarian in the West but revered as a god in Mongolia..... Page 35

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Far from marking an end to "gridlock" between White House and Congress, the rake's progress of the Clinton budget underlines the near-impossibility for any president of implementing serious economic or social security reforms without radical changes to the legislative process..... Page 15

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Grotesque though it may be to admit it, Irma — who was said to be "very, very ill" when she landed in Italy en route to London — is one of the lucky ones..... Page 15

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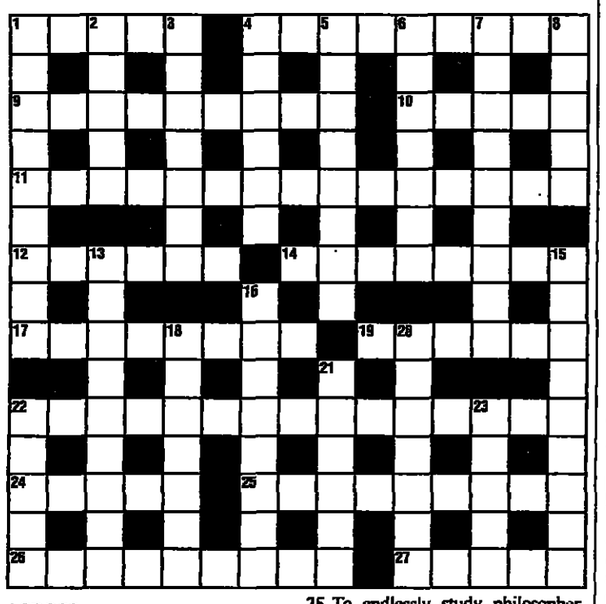
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4 Purifying of emotions is associated with old sect (9).
9 Picked up cap found in the tall grass (9).
10 Keep English inside lift with difficulty (5).
11 Dancing girl's continental air (8,7).
12 Getting on *tac* is awful hard (6).
14 On display in fair is his marvellous bull (8).
17 There's nothing to beat a poet (8).
19 Conceal — or put on show? (6).
22 Small relief map initially conceals remote property title (4,7,4).
24 Honest? About to become less than upright (5).
25 To endlessly study philosopher can be drudgery (9).
26 Bustling about, one after another (2,3,4).
27 Reserve a place for the rest of the drivers (3-2).

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1 Quick vote confounded post-war Liberals (5,4).
2 Sort of colour not generally appropriate for a house (5).
3 Plans announced for Wiltshire town (7).
4 Chandelier that's lit after dinner, perhaps (6).
5 Shifting dirt, make this? (8).
6 The best of friends talk and drink up outside (7).
7 It could be minute and insignificant (5-4).
8 Male born in South Africa or kingdom further north (5).
13 Many bad people try, initially, to make mischief (9).
15 Note colleague's supporting as little as possible (9).
16 Deploying this weapon could make armistice incomplete (8).
18 Freedom needed to establish a union, say (7).
20 Rebel leader left outside Italian stronghold (7).
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WEATHER

Southern parts of England and Wales will have isolated light showers and sunny spells, with the southwest turning cloudy later in the day. Across remaining parts of the country, showers will be widespread and heavy, especially in Scotland. Most areas will have some sunshine but it will feel cooler and fresher than recently. Strong winds in the north will moderate a little during the day.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	28	82	s	Majorca	31	88	s
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	28	82	f
Alex'dria	26	82	s	Malta	33	91	s
Algiers	33	91	s	Melb'rne	15	59	f
Amst'dm	17	63	r	Miami*	32	90	f
Athens	31	88	s	Milan	26	79	s
Bahrain	40	104	s	Montreal*	24	75	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Moscow	19	66	c
Barbados*	30	86	r	Munich	19	66	r
Barcelona	27	81	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Beirut	29	84	f	Naples	32	90	s
Belgrade	30	86	s	N Delhi	31	88	s
Berlin	20	68	f	N York*	27	81	s
Bermuda*	31	88	f	Nice	27	81	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	Oslo	15	59	r
Borde'x	23	73	f	Paris	20	68	c
Brussels	18	64	c	Peking	31	88	s
Budapst	26	79	f	Perth	17	63	c
B Aires*	12	54	s	Prague	24	75	f
Cairo	32	90	s	Reykjavik	8	46	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Rhodes	28	82	s
Chicago*	26	79	f	Rio de J	35	95	s
Ch'church	9	48	c	Riyadh	45	113	s
Cologne	20	68	c	Rome	28	82	s
C'phagn	18	64	f	Salzburg	20	68	f
Corfu	31	88	s	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dublin	17	63	c	Santiago*	11	52	s
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	S Paulo*	28	82	s
Faro	26	79	s	Seoul	30	86	c
Florence	29	84	s	Sing'por	29	84	t
Frankfurt	22	72	c	St'kholm	20	68	s
Funchal	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	24	75	f
Geneva	24	75	s	Sydney	19	66	s
Gibraltar	26	79	s	Tangier	26	79	s
Helsinki	20	68	s	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Hong K	29	84	r	Tenerife	27	81	s
Innsbrck	18	64	f	Tokyo	23	73	c
Istanbul	31	88	s	Toronto*	24	75	f
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	34	93	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	f	Valencia	29	84	s
Karachi	31	88	f	Vanc'ver*	20	68	c
L Palmas	25	77	s	Venice	28	82	s
Le Touet	17	63	f	Vienna	17	63	r
Lisbon	31	88	c	Warsaw	23	73	f
Locarno	25	77	s	Washton*	28	84	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'gton	12	54	f
Luxembg	18	64	c	Zurich	22	72	f
Luxor	40	104	s				
Madrid	29	84	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 23C (73F); min 6pm to 6am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6pm, 49 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.03in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.3hr Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,008.4 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp Southend, Essex, and Southsea, Hampshire, 22C (72F), lowest day max, Cape Wrath, Highland, 12C (54F); highest rainfall Manchester, 0.26in, highest sunshine Salcombe, Devon, 11.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F), min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.3hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F), min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in Sun, 24hr to 6pm, 3.7hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.7	0.09	19	66	cloudy
Anglesey	0.6	0.01	16	61	rain
Aviemore	1.0	0.02	17	63	cloudy
Belfast	-	0.06	17	63	rain
Birmingham	3.4	0.03	20	68	bright
Bognor Regis	6.1	-	21	70	bright
Bournemouth	6.4	-	21	70	sunny
Bristol	4.9	0.01	19	66	sunny
Buxton	0.3	0.17	15	59	bright
Cardiff	4.9	-	18	64	cloudy
Clacton	5.1	-	20	68	sunny
Colwyn Bay	0.5	0.06	17	63	cloudy
Cromer	3.8	0.08	18	64	bright
Eastbourne	7.0	-	21	70	bright
Edinburgh	-	-	16	61	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.02	15	59	drizzle
Exmouth	9.2	0.02	20	68	sunny
Falmouth	4.0	-	20	68	bright
Folkestone	4.4	-	20	68	cloudy
Guernsey	10.7	-	20	68	sunny
Hastings	4.0	-	20	68	cloudy
Hurstanton	1.7	0.01	18	64	cloudy
Isle of Man	1.1	0.02	15	59	rain
Jersey	8.6	-	21	70	bright
Kinloss	1.8	0.06	19	66	rain
Leeds	1.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Littlehampton	6.2	-	21	70	cloudy
Liverpool	1.0	0.01	15	59	shower
Lowestoft	2.3	-	20	68	cloudy
Margate	4.1	-	20	68	cloudy
Mirrehead	X	-	19	66	bright
Morecambe	2.3	0.03	16	61	cloudy
Newcastle	3.4	-	17	63	cloudy
Newquay	7.2	0.01	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	0.9	0.02	18	64	cloudy
Penzance	4.7	0.02	19	66	bright
Plymouth	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Poole	7.3	-	21	70	sunny
Salcombe	11.7	-	21	70	sunny
Sandown	5.7	-	21	70	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.2	0.01	18	64	sunny
Scarborough	4.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Scilly Isles	4.0	-	19	66	cloudy
Southend	4.6	-	22	72	cloudy
Southsea	7.9	-	22	72	sunny
Skomoway	1.8	0.07	15	59	rain
Swanage	6.0	-	21	70	sunny
Teignmouth	10.9	0.02	22	72	sunny
Tenby	5.7	-	18	64	cloudy
Tiree	0.9	0.12	15	59	rain
Torquay	11.1	-	22	72	sunny
Weymouth	6.0	-	20	68	sunny

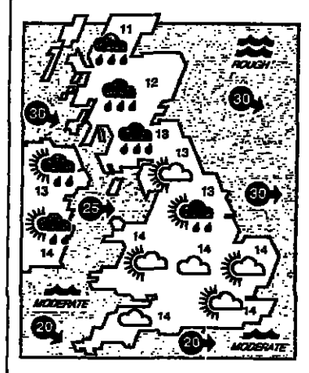
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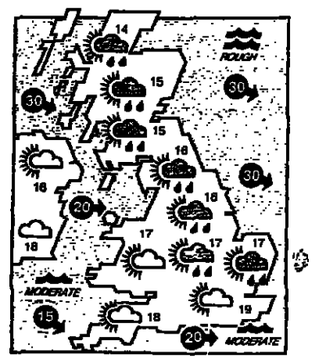
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.09
Austria Sch	18.90	17.40
Belgium Fr	57.15	52.75
Canada $	2.05	1.89
Cyprus Cypf	0.795	0.745
Denmark Kr	10.85	10.05
Finland Mkk	9.21	8.41
France Fr	9.36	8.66
Germany Dm	2.685	2.475
Greece Dr	369.00	344.00
Hong Kong $	12.23	11.23
Ireland Pt	1.117	1.035
Italy Lira	2485.00	2340.00
Japan Yen	174.50	155.00
Netherlands Gld	3.01	2.78
Norway Kr	11.58	10.78
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	216.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.45	11.65
Switzerland Fr	2.37	2.19
Turkey Lira	17700.0	16700.0
USA $	0.795	0.745

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to 'travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.03 pm to 5.08 am
Bristol 9.12 pm to 5.18 am
Edinburgh 9.31 pm to 5.04 am
Manchester 9.18 pm to 5.10 am
Penzance 9.20 pm to 5.34 am

Sun rises: 5.38 am
Sun sets: 8.33 pm
Moon sets 2.21 pm
Moon rises 11.12 pm

Last quarter 3.19pm

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

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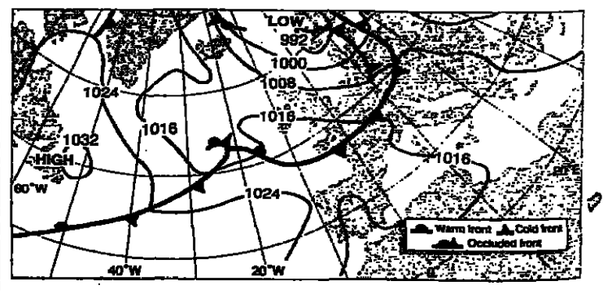
Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud, f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	16	61	c	Guernsey	17	63	d
B'mngham	20	68	c	Inverness	15	59	c
Blackpool	16	61	f	Jersey	17	63	d
Bristol	18	64	c	London	19	66	r
Cardiff	18	64	d	M'nchster	16	61	c
Edinburgh	17	63	c	Newcastle	17	63	f
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'nldsway	16	61	d

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7 14	6.2	7.24	6.1	Liverpool	4 21	8.0	4 41	7 6
Aberdeen	6.37	3 5	7.19	3.4	Lowestoft	3 05	2.1	3 01	2.2
Avonmouth	12.02	10.8	12.12	10.5	Margate	5.19	4.2	5.34	4 1
Belfast	4.24	3.2	4.59	3 1	Milford Haven	11 26	5.5	11 54	5 4
Cardiff	11.57	9.9	—	—	Newquay	10.24	5 6	10 51	5.5
Devonport	—	—	—	—	Oban	—	—	—	—
Dover	4.05	5 6	4.25	5 7	Penzance	10 41	4.5	10.39	4 5
Falmouth	10.32	4.3	10.48	4.3	Portland	—	—	—	—
Glasgow	5.58	4.2	6.23	4.2	Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Harwich	5.00	3.5	5.13	3.5	Shoreham	4.09	5.0	4 36	5.0
Holyhead	3.33	4.7	4.03	4.5	Southampton	4.10	3.8	4 41	3 9
Hull	11.40	6.2	—	—	Swansea	11 30	7.7	11 52	7 5
Ilfracombe	11.06	7.3	11.33	7 1	Tees	9 15	4.5	9 54	4.3
King's Lynn	11 42	5.4	—	—	W'ton-on-Nze	4.57	3.7	5.10	3 7
Leith	8.06	4.6	8 51	4 4					

NOON TODAY



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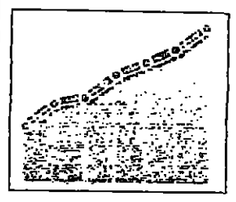
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Robert Ballantyne

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Marlboro

Brands are still alive and kicking and Marlboro Man is still riding high despite the recent 40 per cent cigarette price cut
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BLINKERS ON

Chancellor Kohl has appealed to both VW and General Motors to stop mud-slinging in public and to concentrate on making cars
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4960 (+0.0047)
German mark .... 2.5353 (-0.0069)
Exchange index ..... 81.3 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2986.4 (+16.6)
Dow Jones . 3580.83 (+20.40)*
Nikkei Avg . 20493.05 (+135.11)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank. . 5 15/16-5 13/16%
US Federal Funds.. ..... 3%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.02-3.00%*
Long Bond 6.48%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4935*	£:$	1.4945
$:DM	1.6970*	£ DM	2.5355
$:SWfr.	1.5031*	£ SWfr.	2.2458
$:Ffr	5.9500*	£ Ffr	8.8980
$:Yen	104.82*	£ Yen	156.34
£:SDR	n/a	£:ECU	1.3204

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 382.50 ..... PM 381.70
Close 382.35-383.10
New York.
Comex 381.25-381.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)
* Denotes midday trading price

Kohl admits EC currency faces delay

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HELMUT Kohl, Germany's chancellor, hinted last night that the European Community might miss its 1999 deadline for the creation of a single currency. It is the first time he has admitted that the timetable set out in the Maastricht treaty is too ambitious.

However, in a television interview, he denied that the virtual suspension of the European exchange-rate mechanism a week ago was the prime cause of delay, which he put down to the lack of convergence among European economies.

He said the problem had been the failure of EC countries to tackle large budget deficits, and called for rigid adherence to the convergence criteria laid down in the Maastricht treaty. These require countries to cut deficits, inflation and debt before they can join any monetary union. The treaty contains two deadlines for the creation of a single currency and a European central bank: the first is in 1997, the final one two years later.

"We must on no account ease the very strict conditions for national economies, for the budget and debt situation, but must maintain the strict measures and commitments of the Maastricht treaty," Herr Kohl said. "If this has the consequence ... that the timetable now envisaged is delayed by one or two years — and I don't know this, nobody knows this — then I ask: what does that change in the basic course?"

In remarks which rub salt into the wounds of the French political and financial elite after a catastrophic fortnight for their European strategy, the chancellor said it was obvious that Frankfurt should be chosen as the location of the European central bank and its pilot version, the European monetary institute. The final decision would be taken at a summit in October, he said.

Herr Kohl confirmed that France had asked Germany to respond to turmoil in the ERM by withdrawing the mark temporarily from the system; this had been turned down by other EC countries, known to be in the Benelux bloc.

He dismissed French suggestions of what he termed "German intrigue", saying: "We did not isolate the French. If the French made the proposal — let us not beat about the bush — that the mark should leave the system for a while, that was a matter for the French." The French franc dipped a little yesterday after the Banque de France trimmed the rate at which it had been offering 24-hour money by 0.25 per cent, to 9.75 per cent. The currency closed at 3.5065 to the mark in late European trading, compared with Friday close of 3.4895. Its old ERM floor was 3.4305.

Glenn Davies, an economist at Crédit Lyonnais, said the interest rate move had sent a signal to the markets that French interest rates had peaked but had also made clear that the French authorities meant to proceed cautiously with easing monetary policy.

Sterling's trade-weighted index closed at 81.3, unchanged from its opening but up a little from Friday's 81.2 close. The pound suffered, along with other European currencies, from the mark's strength but was resilient against other currencies after positive data on the British recovery.

☐ A Treasury spokesman said John Major felt that the timetable for monetary union and the creation of a single currency embodied in the Maastricht Treaty was wholly unrealistic. His view, the official said, had been reinforced by the recent ERM turmoil.



ALAN WELLER

Hot lines: trading at Smith New Court yesterday, which saw equities rise to new highs

Lloyd's judge crosses out own name

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MR JUSTICE Waller, the commercial court judge, has decided he cannot hear next month's crucial Lloyd's case because of a conflict of interest. Mr Justice Waller stood down after the discovery that a member of his family and several acquaintances are plaintiffs in the case.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, which represents 3,000 litigating Lloyd's names, said: "This is bound to be a potential problem area for the courts given that a lot of High Court judges are inevitably related to Lloyd's names because of their social background."

David Bird, chief clerk of the commercial court, said: "There are several thousand litigating Lloyd's names and the probability is that you would know somebody. In the case of Mr Justice Waller he felt it was inappropriate to hear the case because he knew some of the names involved."

As a result, Mr Justice Saville, the judge in charge of the commercial court, will hear the case, due to start in mid-September. Two weeks have been set aside by the commercial court to deal with an issue common to the mass of separate legal actions being brought by 17,000 Lloyd's names. The names are trying to recover hundreds of millions of pounds worth of insurance losses and their success partly relies on the outcome of next month's court hearing.

The court will decide whether members' agents are liable for the negligence of managing agents and whether agents owe any extra-contractual duties to names. Until 1990, names' contracts were with members' agents, while most of the actions are claiming negligence on the part of the managing agencies.

Mr Bird said a similar situation arose in the Outhwaite case, which never ran its full course as names reached an out-of-court settlement. "We circulated the list of plaintiffs to various judges and one indicated he could not hear the case as he felt he knew 15 of the names as friends," said Mr Bird.

Many Lloyd's cases have been heard by Mr Justice Saville. However, at the end of the year he is transferring to the court of appeal. This is expected to trigger the nomination of other judges to deal with Lloyd's cases, Mr Bird said.

Blunder on jobless figures

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EMBARRASSED Whitehall officials yesterday admitted that official figures have overstated the drop in unemployment this year by a third.

The mistake occurred in the Department of Employment's *Gazette* publication and does not affect the number of people officially recognised as out of work.

However, government officials are aware that errors in such politically sensitive figures will provide more ammunition for their critics among Labour MPs and independent unemployment analysts.

Each month, the number of people out of work and claiming benefit is published by the department in a press notice. *Gazette*, the main formal publication of the unemployment figures, is usually published about three weeks later.

Last month's press release correctly recorded the falls in unemployment in April and May as 1,100 and 23,100 respectively, following a drop of 25,800 in March. But the *Gazette* lists the decreases for April and May as the same as for March, bringing the recorded cumulative decline to 110,500 — 27,400, or 33 per cent, higher than the real figure.

The Department of Employment said the mistake was due to a computer error.

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Woolwich builds up £88m

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

BUILDING society customers are suffering as societies increase margins to improve profits. The Woolwich, the third-largest society, reported pre-tax profits of £88 million in the six months to June, compared with £36 million.

Donald Kirkham, Woolwich's chief executive, said that like the rest of the industry, margins at the society had widened to 2.1 per cent at the end of 1992, and were now 2 per cent. This had made a "fantastic" contribution to profits, he said. Interest receivable from loans had risen £45 million, partly due to increased volume but also because of wider margins. However, widening margins meant a stronger capital base which benefits savers and borrowers, Mr Kirkham said. "People like to deal with an institution which is unquestionably sound."

The Woolwich reported a 35 per cent increase in mortgage lending, with £1.6 billion in mortgages lent over the six months, compared with £1.2 billion. Net receipts from savers, including interest added to investors' accounts, were up 50 per cent to £390 million. The cost to income ratio fell 10.1 per cent to 49.2 per cent.

Bad debt provisions were £72.7 million, compared with £66.2 million, but the Woolwich said that interest written off was about £8 million less than last year.



Revived hard ecu still looks a basket case



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Just when you thought it was safe, the hard ecu has returned. Bankers, journalists and currency analysts, who had committed their files on this British curiosity to a deep cupboard, if not to a dustbin, have hastily been trying to recall details of the hard ecu plan and how it worked.

Even the Bank of England had slight cause to be embarrassed by the prime minister's renewed enthusiasm for his other big idea. At a conference in April organised for the Institute of Directors by hard-ecu loyalists, a senior Bank official had opined: "It would be very difficult to get the notion of the hard ecu as a parallel currency back on to the political agenda in Europe."

Fear not. As in its original adoption, the hard ecu has more political than financial significance. In the pre-Maastricht debate on roads to economic and monetary union, Britain's Treasury put up a logical free market alternative to the imposed single currency. Under that earlier Lawson plan, currencies would compete against each other and against the ecu basket of EC currencies, with the winner gradually taking over as the Community's trade currency. The plan's other selling point was that national governments would have the strongest incentive to keep their currency sound: otherwise they could lose control of their economy.

In those confident days of the late Eighties, when sterling rode high, output was booming, the budget balanced and inflation had yet to ruin the party, Lord Lawson even envisaged sterling coming out on top. Other member states merely assumed the mark and the Bundesbank would take over, upsetting the political purpose of EMU.

Britain's reply was the hard ecu, a separate currency rather than a basket of all the others, which would not be permitted to devalue against any EC member currency and would be managed by its own supranational authority to back that status by performance in the markets. In other words, competition among currencies would be fixed so that the hard ecu won, rather than the mark.

This did not cut much ice at the time, especially — though for opposite reasons — with France or Germany. Today, the hard ecu is part of another rearguard action by the government. The Foreign Office is anxious to forestall any attempt by countries with core ERM currencies to rush to a single currency to overcome the fatal flaws exposed over the past year in the Maastricht transition process. The plan, though re-clad in Maastricht clothes, may not fare much better this time. Its fatal flaw, perhaps, is that the hard ecu is too strong for its own good. Since no national currency can beat it, there is not much incentive to don a monetary hair shirt in the effort. Since it is not a basket of currencies, it does not have much value as a hedge against currency movements.

The problem remains, even if the hard ecu is unlikely to prove the answer. In Britain, we were too quick to assume that the floating ERM spelt doom to the single currency programme. Since we did not want it in the first place, it was comforting to think that Britain could avoid deciding on its option not to join a single currency, with all the attendant damage that would bring to British trading companies and to inward investment. Instead, everyone would be outside with us. But our continental cousins remain remarkably devoted to EMU; interest rates have scarcely been trimmed in countries whose currencies fell because they needed lower rates. These are early days. Norman Lamont initially kept price stability as the top policy priority after sterling's ejection from the ERM. In the short term, it is also plain that a single currency would not have resolved the economic imbalances that forced the ERM into floating: the tensions would merely have come out in other ways.

Further ahead, the single European market still requires stability between member currencies to survive and needs the frictional costs of trading in different currencies to be removed if it is to work for business. In a practical way, the less stable currencies are, the greater the role the ordinary basket ecu ought to play as a hedge for business and as a trading currency for multinational firms. The first step towards that must surely be to break down the legal barriers for its use, over the objections of national central banks.

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Lucas set to exceed target on disposals

By Neil Bennett

LUCAS, the motor components and aerospace group, is likely to beat its target of raising £100 million from disposals by the end of October. The group sold its aircraft cockpit manufacturing business to a management buyout yesterday and revealed that it has three further subsidiaries for sale.

The group gained £9 million from the sale of its engineering and heating systems operations, which make cockpit casings and their lighting and de-icing systems. The business, which has 300 employees, is based in Luton and made sales of £17 million last year. The buyout was backed by NatWest Ventures and Montagu Private Ventures with loans from the Bank of Scotland.

This is the third large disposal made by Lucas since October when it announced plans to raise £100 million to cut borrowings. The group sold its fluid power operations for £40 million earlier this year while its chain of car part centres was bought by Lex Service for £13 million. There have alo been some small continental disposals, which bring the total the group has raised so far to £70 million.

A spokesman for Lucas said yesterday that it still has three subsidiaries, which it hopes to sell by October. The cash is needed to reduce debts of more than £300 million since Lucas's cashflow is being strained by the recession and the fall in orders from the German car industry.

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Kohl rebukes VW and GM over espionage dispute

■ As the unprecedented public row between Volkswagen and GM heads for the German courts there are growing calls to both car companies to show restraint

By Colin Narbrough

THE industrial espionage feud between Volkswagen and General Motors has provoked Chancellor Kohl to appeal to both sides to devote more time to their industry and less to public mud-slinging.

Herr Kohl's intervention, in an interview on German television last night, underlined growing political concern about the damage the dispute could do to German industry's reputation. GM has accused VW's new purchasing and production chief, José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, poached from the American car group with his team of executives this year, of industrial espionage.

"If VW and GM talk to each other, as I believe, in a highly distasteful way, that is their business," Herr Kohl said. "But they should give fewer magazine interviews and do more to take care of business. Then things will improve."

Werner Schmidt, VW's finance director, concurred with with Herr Kohl's sentiment, commenting that he too believed that both companies would benefit if their dispute over Señor López was dealt with out of public view.

Despite the battle with GM, and the possibility of damaging legal action against Señor López, who was hired for his name as a "cost-killer", VW is increasingly optimistic about achieving a rapid turnround.

Herr Schmidt said he expected VW to show a "good" profit next year. Turnover would rise to DM85 billion from the DM80 billion the group could achieve this year. In the first half of 1993, VW made a group net loss of DM1.60 billion, compared with a DM445 million profit in the same period last year. But severe cost-cutting measures reduced the loss to DM355 million on the second quarter this year, from the fearsome DM1.25 billion loss in the first quarter.

Opel, GM's German subsidiary, which was turned into Europe's most profitable carmaker by Señor López's streamlining programme, said at the weekend that VW's statement that some of its employees had had secret Opel documents amounted to an admission of spying.

The public prosecutor in Darmstadt, southern Germany, is investigating GM's allegations.

An emergency meeting of VW's supervisory board last Friday dismissed the accusation of industrial espionage and pledged support for Señor López, who submitted a formal statement to the prosecutor's office the same day. A spokesman for the office said yesterday that there were new developments in the investigation, but no announcements would be made yet.



José López: "cost-killer" who changed sides

Property price set at £46m

By Carl Mortished

SCOTTISH Metropolitan, Scotland's largest quoted property group, which renegotiated the repayment of £150 million of borrowings earlier this year, has put its Saltire Court, Edinburgh, office development on the market for £46.8 million. The block, 92 per cent let, accounts for about 20 per cent of Scottish Met's gross assets.

Scott Cairns, managing director, says he wants to refocus the group by buying property in smaller lot sizes. He said: "Saltire Court does not meet our future investment criteria."

The 200,000 sq ft Saltire Court was completed in October 1991 and has a rental income of more than £3.5 million from tenants which include KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountants, Martin Currie, the fund managers and two firms of solicitors, Dundas & Wilson and Sheherd and Wedderburn.

Mr Cairns said the building had already generated interest from potential buyers among UK institutions, as well as German and French investors. Hillier Parker is marketing the investment, and a sale at the asking price would bring Scottish Met's gearing down to near 100 per cent.

McKay Securities

McKay Securities, the property investor, has asked us to clarify that following a revaluation of its properties there was a reduction in book value of £18.34 million, or 17.5 per cent, to £85.4 million as at March 31, 1993. The revaluation reduced net asset value per share to 159p from 223p.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Receivers confident of selling Dunkeld assets

DUNKELD, the clothing manufacturer specialising in men's shirts and women's swimwear, has been forced to call in the receivers owing "tens of millions of pounds" to creditors. Phillip Sykes and John Hill of BDO Binder Hamlyn, who have been appointed joint administrative receivers by Hill Samuel, the group's bankers, said poor trading had strained the group's cash position.

They remain confident, however, that buyers can be found for the majority of the companies within the group, which include brand names such as Slix swimwear and Pierre Balmain shirts and where 500 people are employed. Dunkeld, which was formed from Aitch Holdings, the debt-stricken textile group, last year, seemed to have turned itself round, with pre-tax profits of £2.45 million — after losses of £17.5 million loss — for the year to end-November. But trading has deteriorated badly since year-end.

Eastern Electricity cuts

ABOUT 100 jobs, or 12 per cent of the workforce, are to be lost at Eastern Electricity's lossmaking contracting arm. The division, which increased its losses last year from £2.3 million to £4.5 million, will be split into two sections. One will focus on the home rewiring market and the other on electrical installations for the high voltage market. A spokesman said Eastern would also increasingly try to tap a middle market of installations for light industry and commerce.

Union Discount post

IAN Martin, one of five executives who resigned from Baring Securities in March after a disagreement about strategic policies, is to be managing director of Union Discount from next month. George Lynn, Union Discount's finance director, will leave at the end of the year when Mr Martin will also take over the role of group finance director. Until then, Mr Lynn will concentrate on working out Union Discount's lossmaking leasing activities, which are for sale.

Opec exceeds July quota

OPEC produced 24.64 million barrels per day (bpd) in July, more than 1 million bpd above its quota, the *Middle East Economic Survey* said. The weekly oil newsletter said Opec's July production was about 230,000 bpd above that of June, mainly due to an increase in supply from Kuwait, although it reported a drop in Iran's output. The July figure was more than 1 million bpd above Opec's ceiling of 23.6 million. Kuwait's production rose by 150,000 bpd to 1.9 million.

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International	95.51	101.60	...	.52
Dividend Gth	59.51	63.50†	+0.57	4.44
Global Gth Sec	62.95	66.91	+0.11	2.34
Ethical Growth	66.12	70.34	+0.32	2.25
High Inc Equity	157.70	167.70†	+1.30	4.69
Worldwide Bond	270.10	286.40†	+0.50	3.67
Gilts Fixed Int	135.00	143.10	+0.90	5.59
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580 30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ 071 374 6801				
Amer Inc Gth	43.92	46.34	-0.09	0.67
European	86.50	91.69	+0.52	...
European Inc	81.93	86.95	+0.39	1.73
Exempt	926.70	954.60†	-3.00	3.22
Extra Inc	46.58	50.78	+0.18	4.95
F East Emerg Ec	89.84	97.10†	+0.53	0.67
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL 0793 514514 Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	407.50	435.60	+1.50	3.78
Equity Inc	225.60	241.10	+0.70	3.78
High Yield	251.30	268.60	+1.20	3.81
Balanced	667.30	713.90	+1.30	2.46
American Inc	49.30	52.70†	...	1.06
Wld Asset Val	42.47	45.40	-0.06	0.99
Japan	209.50	223.20	-0.20	0.01
Secs of Am	420.50	447.50	+1.70	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QX, 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	327.30	348.20	+0.90	2.58
-do- Inc	231.80	246.70	+0.60	2.58
Higher Inc Acc	607.90	646.80	+1.00	3.45
-do- Inc	369.30	392.90	+0.50	3.45
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	183.30	193.50	+0.30	5.81
-do- Inc	96.08	101.40	+0.20	5.81
Nth America	251.60	267.70	...	...
Far East	316.90	337.10	-5.50	0.19
Europe	239.90	255.30	+0.70	0.82
General Inc	444.90	473.40	+0.90	2.35
-do- Acc	488.10	519.30	+1.00	2.35
Brit Excell	66.23	70.46	+0.25	2.63
Brit Fndmtls Inc	71.88	76.47	+0.32	4.42
Brit Fndmtls Acc	92.67	98.59	+0.44	4.42
Global Opps	77.01	81.93	-0.10	0.07
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS 36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	255.80	269.30	+0.60	1.32
Capital Gwth	106.70	112.30	...	2.42
Worldwide Opps	158.90	167.30	...	0.57
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15 081 534 5544				
Capital	108.90	116.50	+0.60	2.82
Euro Gth Inc	122.70	130.20	+1.00	1.77
Extra Inc	112.80	120.60	+0.90	4.64
General	252.90	270.40	+1.80	2.86
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.84	62.90	+0.29	7.87
Income	508.80	544.10	+3.20	4.23
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.35	100.10	+0.20	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	125.00	133.70	+1.10	...
Convertibles	54.48	58.26	+0.28	7.10
Eastern	193.70	208.50	-1.20	1.60
Equity Income	86.46	91.97	+0.20	5.30
European Gth	245.30	260.80	-0.10	1.50
Europe	157.00	168.10	-0.20	1.50
Exempt	84.73	86.97†	...	3.60
German Growth	64.89	69.10	+0.14	0.70
Global Growth	112.50	120.30	...	...
Japan Growth	208.00	222.60	-1.20	...
Japan Sunrise	183.60	196.30	-0.60	...
Portfolio	124.60	133.20	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	222.00	237.40	+0.10	3.20
UK Growth	84.61	90.00	+0.07	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.31	92.30	-0.28	1.90
Select Managers	66.84	71.52	+0.15	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	108.92	116.49	+0.40	1.87
-do- Inc	99.02	105.90	+0.36	1.87
Global Bond	30.26	32.11	+0.05	5.37
High Yield Acc	57.51	61.51	+0.23	3.50
-do- Inc	41.29	44.16†	+0.17	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	98.18	105.01	+0.48	1.35
-do- Inc	90.24	96.52	+0.44	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	60.16	64.34	-0.14	..
-do- Inc	59.01	63.14†	-0.14	...
Euro Gth Acc	111.79	119.18	+0.93	1.07
-do- Inc	110.25	117.54	+0.92	1.07
Mngd P'follo	37.43	40.04	+0.13	1.29
Pacific Growth	107.10	114.54	-0.84	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	96.98	103.72	-0.97	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY 9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	139.00	148.00	+0.70	2.83
Smaller Cos Acc	311.90	333.70	+0.60	...
Smaller Cos Inc	181.40	194.10	+0.30	1.11
High Inc	75.59	80.88	+0.59	6.48
Income	135.30	144.80	+0.60	3.80
Mngd P'folio Inc	96.73	103.00†	+0.60	1.93
-do- Acc	184.80	196.80	+1.30	...
North American	106.30	113.20	-0.20	0.19
Orient	138.20	148.90	-0.50	...
Recovery	42.88	46.09	+0.56	2.43
German	44.43	47.63	-0.65	0.08
Intl Growth	35.64	37.96	-0.04	0.21
European Inc	22.89	24.64	+0.20	0.46
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 488 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	67.75	68.67	+0.07	5.08
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	138.90	147.90	+0.70	1.60
UK Growth	152.40	162.30†	+1.40	2.06
UK Income	130.70	139.10	+0.80	3.99
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	91.12	97.46	+0.37	1.19
Growth	45.71	48.89†	+0.16	2.86
Income	56.56	60.49†	+0.17	4.08
Far East	51.26	54.82	+0.21	...
North American	92.13	98.07	+0.97	...
Global	90.76	97.07	+0.19	0.63
European	75.20	80.43	+0.35	0.65
Japan	120.50	128.90	-0.50	0.98
Intl Currency Bd	60.63	64.25	-0.01	4.99
UK Cap Gwth	84.35	90.21	+0.38	1.86
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-do- Acc	140.90	149.90	-0.40	0.23
European	69.24	73.40†	-0.07	0.79

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-do- Acc	72.66	77.03	+0.08	0.79
Far East Gen	69.56	74.01	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	69.56	74.01	-0.30	...
Glenfriars	272.60	290.00	+2.50	0.65
-do- Acc	306.90	326.50	+2.80	0.65
Growth	400.20	428.10	-0.30	2.17
-do- Acc	685.20	732.90	-0.40	2.17
Income Growth	391.80	416.60†	+1.00	3.71
-do- Acc	532.40	566.40	+1.30	3.71
Master Portfolio	9948.0	10327.0†	-12.00	2.05
-do- Acc	11589.0	12030.0	-14.00	2.05
Special Sits	91.65	97.50†	+0.30	2.14
-do- Acc	108.33	115.25	+0.23	2.14
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1271.0	1311.8	+3.00	4.17
-do- Acc	1500.0	1547.0	+4.00	4.17
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	193.30	206.00	-0.10	1.60
Capital	556.60	594.00	-0.70	2.29
Eurotrack 100	137.50	146.50	+0.70	1.41
Euro Gth	87.76	93.55	+0.27	1.20
Far East Growth	98.31	104.90	-0.10	0.07
Global Bond	23.94	25.25†	...	5.94
Hong Kong	85.48	91.23	-0.35	0.75
Income	532.40	568.20	+1.10	3.76
Intl Growth	76.32	81.45†	+0.15	0.17
Japan Growth	295.50	315.40	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.62	40.15	-0.12	...
Japan Index	86.42	92.23	+0.02	0.23
Nth American	439.10	469.60	-0.40	0.46
S'pore Mly Gth	58.00	61.90	-0.13	...
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Tiger Index	151.40	161.60	-0.50	0.58
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Income	613.51	621.79	..	4.81
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Deposit	5.65	..	5.77	...
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CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.38	69.87	+1.97	2.16
Beckman Intl	85.73	90.49	...	2.93
Friars Hse Inc	186.40	200.43	+1.58	5.82
Friars Hse Cap	258.81	278.29†	+1.12	2.62
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Quilter	126.28	134.34†	+0.40	2.49
-do- Acc	141.68	150.72	+0.45	2.49
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.86	92.86	+0.03	5.14
-do- Acc	92.86	92.86	+0.03	5.14
PPT Europe	161.10	171.38	+0.26	0.80
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	49.64	52.81	+0.26	7.21
PPT Global Bond	87.19	92.75	-0.12	5.32
PPT Gold Com	60.57	64.44	+0.07	..
PPT Oriental Gth	60.35	64.20	-0.15	0.36
PPT Far East Gth	114.13	121.41	-0.30	..
PPT High Yield	124.53	132.48	-0.78	4.08
-do- Acc	478.84	509.40	-3.01	4.09
PPT Managed	64.16	68.26	+0.11	3.24
-do- Acc	78.36	83.36	+0.12	3.24
PPT Smlr Cos	36.95	39.31	+0.21	1.60
-do- Acc	41.94	44.62	+0.25	1.60
PPT UK General	71.32	75.87	+0.27	2.39
-do- Acc	86.55	92.07	+0.34	2.39
PPT Japan	127.42	135.55	-0.46	...
PPT N Amer	152.34	161.96	+0.01	0.04
PPT UK Gth	122.30	130.00	+0.51	1.84
PPT W'wide Gwth	60.35	64.55	-0.02	0.12
-do- Acc	62.93	67.30	+0.02	0.12
PPT Preference	49.71	52.88	+0.18	6.47
-do- Acc	259.56	276.13	+0.95	6.47
PPT Equity Inc	148.16	157.62	+0.58	3.53
-do- Acc	490.50	521.81	+1.91	3.53
PPT Fixed Conv	41.90	44.57	-0.33	6.28
-do- Acc	112.28	119.45	-0.89	6.28
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Fellowship Tst	62.65	66.65	+0.41	1.85
-do- Acc	70.62	75.13	+0.45	1.85
Income Fund 5	223.60	237.90	+0.40	4.06
-do- Acc	520.30	553.60	+1.10	4.06
Inv Portfolio	69.97	72.51†	+0.34	2.06
-do- Acc	79.72	82.62†	+0.39	2.06
Smaller Cos	131.80	140.10†	+0.40	1.30
-do- Acc	159.40	169.60†	-0.50	1.30
High Inc P'folio	63.33	65.65	+0.21	4.41
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	87.26	92.83	-0.13	0.85
Japanese Acc	67.67	71.99	-0.03	..
UK Balncd Inc	132.40	140.80†	+1.20	2.45
-do- Acc	156.00	166.00†	+1.30	2.45
UK Growth Acc	214.70	228.40	+1.70	1.96
UK High Inc	140.10	149.00	+1.10	5.94
-do- Acc	169.60	180.40	+1.30	5.94
N America Acc	113.60	120.80†	+0.10	0.32
European Acc	165.90	176.50	+0.90	0.40
UK Prel F/I Inc	61.63	65.35†	+0.30	6.74
-do- Acc	101.40	107.60†	+0.50	6.74
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.63	53.86	+0.04	0.21
Environmntl Opp	73.81	78.52	+0.27	1.56
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	112.10	119.10	+0.20	0.42
UK Smlr Cos	208.10	221.10	-0.80	1.13
Eurofund	39.19	41.48	+0.10	0.96
Mngd Exempt	170.80	178.10	-5.30	2.94
Growth Inc	221.10	234.90†	+0.10	3.19
High Dist	149.30	158.60	+0.80	4.73
International	335.00	355.90†	+0.20	0.91
Intl Income	84.32	90.01†	-0.18	2.99
Pacific	61.36	65.20	-0.21	0.46
Smllr Jap Cos	78.33	83.23	-0.14	...
Tokyo	220.10	233.90	-0.50	..
Japan Exempt	126.20	129.70	+7.20	0.30

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Sm Jap Exempt	625.60	642.80	-0.60	0.08
Equity Income	127.20	135.20	...	3.70
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	146.30	154.80	+0.10	0.52
Financial	45.24	48.07	+0.16	2.47
Global Opps Inc	92.21	97.97	-0.19	2.04
-do- Acc	95.38	101.60	-0.20	2.04
Gold Gen Inc	51.05	54.24	-0.21	0.78
-do- Acc	97.98	104.10	-0.40	0.79
Japan General	171.30	182.00†	+0.29	...
Preference	23.24	24.69†	+0.04	7.36
Worldwide Cap	203.80	216.50†	+0.20	2.95
World Income	87.70	93.18†	-0.14	3.19
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7281				
Endurance	181.30	192.90	..	0.88
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	109.67	115.44	+0.21	3.21
High Income	128.17	134.92	+0.63	4.56
Tst of Inv Tsts	158.70	167.05†	+0.82	2.21
Special Sits	87.98	92.61	-0.03	2.09
North American	105.32	110.86	-0.07	0.87
Far Eastern	259.93	273.61†	-0.79	1.64
Ind Growth	101.69	107.04	+0.34	1.21
European	67.70	71.26	+0.11	1.98
Smaller Cos	68.06	72.69	+0.15	1.99
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	228.60	243.10	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	..	5.30
European Tst	134.30	142.90	+1.00	...
High Income	26.93	28.34†	+0.08	5.57
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	97.41	103.00†	+0.10	0.79
Far Eastern	143.20	153.60	-0.60	..
High Income	23.63	25.16†	+0.01	10.00
Oseas Income	91.39	97.60	-0.20	3.00
UK Growth	98.92	105.80†	+0.80	0.73
UK Income	106.60	114.00	+0.80	3.00
US Smaller Cos	265.10	283.50	...	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.70	52.85	-0.01	...
-do- Acc	49.70	52.85	-0.01	...
Am Smllr Co	442.50	473.20	+1.10	...
-do- Acc	452.10	483.40	+1.10	...
Capital	294.80	313.50	+1.10	1.78
-do- Acc	410.60	436.70	+1.70	1.78
Contl Smllr Cos	48.78	52.48	+0.36	0.17
-do- Acc	50.99	54.86	+0.38	0.17
Convertible	118.10	125.60	+0.50	5.77
-do- Acc	224.20	238.40	+0.80	5.77
Emg Mark	56.45	60.30	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	56.45	60.30	-0.20	...
European	100.60	107.40	+0.30	0.90
-do- Acc	104.80	112.00	+0.30	0.90
Extra Income	305.50	324.90	+1.30	3.83
-do- Acc	437.20	465.00	+1.60	3.83
Financial	114.40	122.60	+0.10	0.19
-do- Acc	119.80	128.40	+0.20	0.19
Gilt Gth Tst	66.69	68.76	+0.72	6.12
-do- Acc	86.17	88.85	+0.94	6.12
Health Fund Inc	120.30	128.50	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	120.30	128.50	-0.30	...
Income Tst	189.20	201.20	+0.50	3.45
-do- Acc	268.10	285.10	+0.70	3.45
Intl Growth	335.20	359.30	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	372.30	397.90	-0.60	...
Japan Gen	193.30	206.70	-1.30	...
-do- Acc	195.20	208.70	-1.40	...
Mngd P'follo Inc	94.91	99.90	+0.26	0.83
-do- Acc	99.75	105.00	+0.30	0.83
Monthly Income	159.20	169.30	+0.50	3.75
Qrtly Inc	52.17	55.49	+0.33	5.54
-do- Acc	52.29	55.62	+0.33	5.54
Recovery	303.90	324.90	+0.20	0.21
-do- Acc	357.10	381.80	+0.30	0.21
UK Growth	48.44	51.78	+0.15	2.46
-do- Acc	48.44	51.78	+0.15	2.46
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	361.82	384.91	+2.49	2.64
-do- Acc	738.83	785.99	+5.10	2.64
Euro Gth Dist	113.86	121.13†	+0.63	0.73
-do- Acc	117.85	125.37†	+0.66	0.73
Fixed Int Dist	138.09	146.07	+1.16	6.00
-do- Acc	233.53	247.02	+1.98	6.00
Intl Gth Dist	80.97	86.14	+0.11	0.66
-do- Acc	84.05	89.42	+0.10	0.66
Nth Amer Dist	171.98	182.18†	+0.26	0.92
-do- Acc	187.43	198.55†	+0.28	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	261.82	278.53†	-0.85	0.04
-do- Acc	266.81	283.84†	-0.87	0.04
Stewardship Dist	309.08	328.81	+1.39	1.84
-do- Acc	368.56	392.08	+1.67	1.84
Stwd Inc Dist	65.28	69.45†	+0.27	3.09
-do- Acc	81.40	86.60†	+0.34	3.09
N Am Stwd Dist	100.52	106.94†	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	106.33	113.12†	+0.21	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.40	150.20	-1.20	..
European	444.80	472.80	-2.60	0.90
Far East General	240.90	257.60	-0.70	0.28
Germany	106.00	112.30	+0.10	0.41
Global Assets In	72.10	76.91	-0.07	2.10
Global Assets Ac	76.23	81.32	-0.07	2.05
Income Inc	130.30	139.40	+0.80	6.32
International	299.20	319.40	+1.40	0.88
Intl Income	80.52	85.60	-0.14	4.65
Japan General	400.30	425.50	-0.80	..
Smllr Cos Div	47.68	51.00†	+0.37	5.83
UK Capital Inc	171.80	183.80†	+1.10	3.89
-do- Acc	296.50	317.20	+1.90	3.53
Uk Spec Sits	81.16	86.81	-0.36	1.46
US General	123.80	132.10	-0.10	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	129.20	138.00†	+1.30	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	46.47	49.70†	+0.09	1.47
Cash Trust*	129.74	129.74†	+0.02	5.19
Pract Inv Inc	109.39	117.45	+0.64	3.91
-do- Acc	234.83	252.14	+1.36	3.91
UK Smaller Cos	108.50	116.35	+0.17	0.79
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.83	28.70†	+0.13	8.12
High Inc	33.20	35.51†	+0.13	4.62
UK Equity Inc	132.76	141.99†	+0.25	3.82
Global Bond	30.28	31.37	-0.07	5.71
International Funds				
Gold Intl	91.74	98.38	-1.68	0.40
Frontier Markets	45.43	48.72	...	0.43
Global Inc Gth	123.52	131.80	-0.13	1.87
UK Intl	121.24	129.67†	+0.33	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	132.01	141.07	+0.22	0.44

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European	86.40	91.62	+0.28	0.59
Euro Sel Opps	103.49	110.32†	-0.33	0.66
American Emerg	86.63	92.90	+0.55	...
Hong Kong	120.76	129.50	-0.97	1.93
Japan	247.10	262.54†	-1.02	..
Pacific Growth	165.04	176.99	-1.82	0.37
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	132.03	141.21	+0.60	0.32
American Gth	134.17	143.50	+0.55	...
European Gth	70.32	75.07	+0.37	0.61
Japan Gth	85.49	91.43	-0.16	...
Greater China	146.12	156.27†	+0.93	2.85
Pacific Strategy	130.45	139.52	+0.02	0.30
UK Prog Inc	76.85	80.87	+0.10	4.69
British Growth	50.08	52.87	+0.33	2.47
UK Small Cos	44.84	47.96	+0.43	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	132.00	132.00	...	5.81
Gilt Fixed	129.70	137.60	+1.40	5.64
Growth Equity	307.30	328.30	-2.90	1.92
Guardhill	452.60	483.50	-3.60	3.03
Income Trust	114.50	122.30	+0.90	2.68
International	165.30	176.60	+0.20	0.16
Japan Trust	134.60	143.80†	-0.50	..
Nth American	260.10	277.80	-0.60	0.40
Pacific	399.00	426.30	-2.90	..
European	366.50	391.50	-3.00	0.60
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	36.42	38.61†	+0.20	1.54
-do- Acc	38.38	40.69	+0.20	1.54
Inc Adv Inc	30.49	32.32	+0.20	3.73
-do- Acc	31.99	33.91	+0.20	3.73
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	81.00	86.77	+1.21	1.30
Equity Income	118.10	125.60	+0.70	3.29
European	139.60	147.70	...	1.21
Intl Situation	78.18	83.17†	-0.12	...
Japanese	148.90	158.00	-0.20	..
North American	97.05	103.00	-0.10	0.05
Scandinavian	125.20	132.30	+0.90	..
Smaller Cos	30.73	32.69	+0.09	1.90
HENDERSON PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 264290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	92.09	98.44	-0.04	..
Asian Enterprise	133.90	143.19†	-0.72	1.00
European	400.36	424.11	+1.42	0.72
European Inc	73.46	77.70†	+0.19	2.51
Euro Sml Co	124.80	133.11	+0.94	0.70
Extra Income	272.67	290.28	+1.07	4.53
Family of Funds	73.71	78.58†	+0.41	1.03
Global Bond	57.44	61.43	+0.10	7.10
High Inc	302.99	323.89†	+1.30	3.83
Income Gth	248.54	264.69	+0.68	3.27
-do- Acc	642.89	684.67	+1.75	3.27
International	237.40	253.30	+0.13	0.72
Japan Spc Sit	257.20	273.81	-1.37	...
Japan	223.63	238.10†	-1.06	..
N Amer	226.94	241.78†	-0.90	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	205.32	218.42	+0.18	0.33
Pref Gilt	47.34	50.88†	+0.11	8.47
Smaller Cos Div	175.33	187.77†	+1.10	3.67
Special Sits	271.50	290.50	+0.85	1.90
-do- Acc	418.36	447.64	+1.31	1.90
Best of British	57.85	61.94	+0.25	2.22
Henderson TR				
American Gth	82.64	88.38	-0.02	...
Euro Spec Sits	49.57	52.69	+0.45	0.90
-do- Acc	52.48	55.79	+0.48	0.90
Far East Opps	33.99	36.36	+0.02	0.59
-do- Acc	34.98	37.42	+0.02	0.59
General Growth	101.65	108.78†	+0.38	2.39
Global Tech	131.12	140.29	+0.47	...
Income Growth	107.50	114.97†	+0.65	3.52
Income Monthly	59.02	63.12	+0.26	5.36
Japan Growth	87.46	93.30	-0.47	...
Overseas Gth	80.25	85.51	-0.11	0.99
Smaller Cos	75.21	80.47	+0.39	1.72
Special Opps	109.17	117.39†	+0.36	1.08
Wld Spec Sits	52.85	56.68	+0.32	0.47
-do- Acc	52.97	56.81	+0.32	0.47
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	90.13	96.39	+0.48	1.90
Capital	158.70	169.70†	+0.30	1.80
Dollar	317.20	339.20	+1.30	0.01
European	207.80	222.20†	+0.10	0.60
Far East	252.20	269.70	-1.70	0.28
Financial	753.50	805.80	+5.40	1.71
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.76	27.80†	-0.12	7.57
High Yield	106.70	114.10	+0.40	4.24
Income	141.10	150.90	+0.50	3.20
Intl	222.20	237.60†	-0.30	0.19
Japan Tech	76.43	81.74	-0.55	..
Nat Resources	62.95	67.32	-0.22	0.48
Security	309.30	330.70	+4.10	1.75
Smaller Cos	114.30	122.20	+0.80	1.15
Special Sits	143.80	153.70	+1.00	1.51
US Smaller Cos	72.80	77.86	+0.38	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.76	27.54†	+0.18	1.28
Special Features	28.98	30.79	+0.13	1.70
-do- Acc	34.22	36.35	+0.16	1.40
General Funds				
UK Growth	55.09	58.91	+0.18	2.06
Assets Earnings	72.54	77.05†	+0.26	2.28
do Acc	86.34	91.73†	+0.30	2.25
Managed Invest	93.09	98.30	+0.10	1.12
Rupert Children	77.53	82.64	+0.19	2.11
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.03	50.03†	+0.01	4.50
Extra Inc	83.88	89.73†	+0.49	4.69
Gilt	28.75	30.26†	+0.09	6.41
Income Gth	40.79	43.48	+0.11	3.48
MIMstar	79.45	81.19	+0.32	7.75
Preference	18.38	19.52	+0.09	6.48
UK Income	323.60	345.90	+1.20	2.97
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	61.99	65.86	+0.38	1.22
Property Shares	68.14	73.49	+0.05	1.56
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	154.10	161.50	+0.40	4.00
European Acc	121.30	128.50	+0.40	1.51
European Dist	115.50	122.30	+0.40	1.51
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.95	52.09	+0.01	0.97
European Perf	123.30	130.90†	+0.80	0.68
-do- Acc	127.20	135.00†	+0.80	0.68
Euro Small Cos	22.75	24.21	+0.02	0.64
French Growth	70.73	75.24	-0.16	0.49
-do- Acc	75.56	80.38	-0.17	0.49
Hong K/China	72.96	77.52	...	1.60
Intl Growth	54.32	57.71	-0.09	0.69
-do- Acc	54.32	57.71	-0.09	0.69
Japan Perf	36.42	38.69	-0.14	..
Accum Units	36.42	38.69	-0.14	..
Japan Smllr Cos	41.30	43.97	-0.23	..
Singapore Asean	85.89	91.25†	-0.22	0.33
-do- Acc	86.40	91.80†	-0.22	0.33
South East Asia	244.70	259.90	-0.50	0.66

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US Smllr Cos	107.10	113.70†	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	108.20	114.90†	+0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	87.58	93.40	-0.19	2.51
Intl Bond	59.90	60.74	-0.07	5.52
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.97	70.31†	+0.02	5.06
Extra Income	54.87	58.37	+0.17	6.62
Gilt Yield	123.10	129.80	+0.20	6.96
Global Income	206.80	220.00†	+0.10	3.98
High Yield	140.70	149.70†	+0.61	5.57
Smllr Cos Div	50.42	53.64†	+0.24	3.66
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.41	99.37	+0.21	...
North American	76.56	81.45	+0.10	0.41
European	136.40	145.10	-0.50	1.54
Euro Special	80.17	85.29†	-0.60	1.67
General	273.80	291.30†	+3.10	3.06
Japan	456.40	485.50	-1.80	...
Japanese Special	254.00	270.20	-1.40	...
Master Acc	326.40	340.90	+0.70	1.28
Pacific	285.30	303.50	-0.80	0.53
Smaller Cos	101.20	107.70	+0.43	1.56
UK Equity Gth	38.35	40.80†	-0.09	1.72
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	78.24	83.23†	+0.36	0.95
Extra Income	24.70	26.28†	+0.16	3.44
Far East	29.28	31.15	-0.06	0.83
Income Gwth	75.24	80.04	+0.51	2.66
Intl Growth	54.77	57.84	+0.21	0.64
Japan	70.17	74.65†	-0.09	...
Maximum Dist*	99.90	101.90†	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.70	41.17	+0.02	0.28
UK Equity	90.10	95.85	+0.85	2.87
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.68	57.11†	+0.32	4.38
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	441.50	469.70	+1.90	3.63
Equity Acc	838.10	891.60	+3.60	2.63
Equity Income	95.69	101.80†	+0.40	4.57
European	99.09	105.40†	+0.10	1.23
Far Eastern	195.50	208.00	-0.20	...
Fixed Interest	54.53	58.01	-0.18	6.02
Gilt	95.13	100.90	+0.40	6.10
Global Growth	70.61	75.12	-0.03	0.43
Intl Bond	56.58	60.19†	-0.15	4.72
Japanese	76.95	81.86	-0.20	...
Overseas Equity	101.70	108.30	...	0.05
Pacific Gth	90.78	96.57	-0.38	0.43
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	323.60	344.30	+6.50	2.86
-do- Acc	710.70	756.10	+14.30	2.96
Contl Euro Gth	53.83	56.67	+0.24	1.21
-do- Acc	56.93	59.93	+0.26	1.21
Extra Inc	249.90	265.90	-1.50	3.64
-do- Acc	618.00	657.50	-3.80	3.64
German Gth	109.20	115.00	+1.10	0.03
-do- Acc	114.50	120.60	+1.10	0.03
Growth Port	503.30	535.50	+2.10	0.42
-do- Acc	503.30	535.50	+2.10	0.42
Income	461.90	491.40	-4.70	3.49
-do- Acc	1186.0	1262.0	-11.00	3.49
Income Port	503.00	535.20	+2.30	4.21
-do- Acc	510.50	543.10	+2.30	4.21
Japan Growth	106.20	113.00	-0.10	0.01
-do- Acc	106.60	113.50	...	0.01
Master Trust	53.66	57.08	+0.31	1.36
-do- Acc	59.07	62.85	+0.35	1.36
N American Gen	190.00	202.20	+1.30	0.01
-do- Acc	219.50	233.60	+1.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.30	150.40	-2.70	0.01
-do- Acc	144.30	153.50	-2.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	217.70	231.70	+2.60	0.68
-do- Acc	230.20	244.90	+2.80	0.66
Small Cos Rec	319.70	336.60	+11.80	2.49
-do- Acc	416.40	438.40	+15.50	2.49
UK Growth	80.72	85.88†	+0.51	2.45
-do- Acc	95.03	101.10	+0.60	2.45
Worldwide Gth	291.40	310.00	...	0.19
-do- Acc	429.70	457.20	-0.10	0.19
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	80.25	86.10	+0.53	2.70
Income	64.29	68.98	-0.36	5.00
International	59.15	63.47	+0.10	0.70
American	59.76	64.12	-0.12	0.30
Japan	58.36	62.62†	-0.11	..
TR of Inv Trusts	60.98	65.43	+0.60	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	388.20	410.50†	+0.70	0.87
-do- Acc	479.60	507.20	+0.90	0.87
American Rec	423.40	447.70	+0.70	0.17
-do- Acc	485.20	513.00	+0.90	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	124.30	131.50	+0.30	..
Australia Acc	173.70	183.80	+0.30	0.92
Capital	692.60	732.40†	-5.60	2.36
-do- Acc	773.60	818.00	-6.20	2.36
Commodity Acc	459.50	485.90	-0.50	0.76
Compnd Gth	868.40	918.30	+11.00	2.56
Dividend	37.80	40.00	+0.50	3.94
-do- Acc	149.80	158.50	+1.90	3.94
Equity Inc	313.10	331.10†	-3.10	4.44
European Div	61.60	65.10†	+0.80	3.87
-do- Acc	71.30	75.30	+0.80	3.87
European Gen	402.40	425.50†	+4.30	0.96
-do- Acc	505.50	534.50	+5.40	0.96
Extra Yield	408.00	431.50	+4.90	4.10
-do- Acc	1193.0	1261.7	+14.40	4.10
Far Eastern	314.40	332.50	-0.70	0.62
-do- Acc	413.50	437.40	-0.90	0.62
Fund of Inv	543.80	575.10	+4.00	2.01
-do- Acc	991.80	1049.0	-7.30	2.01
General	56.70	60.00†	+0.70	3.42
-do- Acc	151.70	160.40	+1.70	3.42
Gilt Fxd Int	64.54	64.62†	+0.52	7.33
do Acc	164.54	164.75	+1.34	7.33
Gold	58.90	62.30†	...	0.70
-do- Acc	69.20	73.30	...	0.70
High Inc	26.80	28.30	+0.30	4.18
-do- Acc	101.40	107.20	+1.10	4.18
Intl Growth	70.80	74.90†	+0.50	0.73
-do- Acc	122.60	129.70	+0.80	0.73
Intl Inc	97.80	103.40	+0.50	4.43
Japan Gen Acc	54.80	57.90	-0.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	160.30	169.60	-0.20	...
Midland	58.30	61.60	+0.60	3.04
-do- Acc	186.50	197.30	+1.80	3.04
Recovery	39.00	41.20†	-0.60	2.42
-do- Acc	62.10	65.60	-0.90	2.42
Second Gen	65.20	68.90†	+0.30	3.19
-do- Acc	161.60	170.90	+0.80	3.19
Smaller Cos	60.80	64.30†	+0.10	3.01
-do- Acc	116.70	123.50	+0.10	3.01
Trustee	41.30	43.70	-0.20	3.64
Charibond 3	2114.83	...†	-0.60	9.39
Charifund 2	665.60	679.00†	-6.80	4.91
Pension ex 1	883.80	905.90	+9.50	4.05
NAACIF Inc 3	147.45	...†	+0.30	7.28
-do- Acc 3	1171.1	...	+6.30	7.28

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MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	141.70	151.60†	+0.20	1.93
-do- Acc	158.80	169.80†	-0.20	1.93
UK Income	118.50	126.70	+0.24	2.49
-do- Acc	133.90	143.20	+0.24	2.49
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	85.77	91.73	+0.35	0.44
Far East (Pacific)	143.50	152.30	+2.30	0.60
Income Growth	74.54	79.13†	+0.52	3.28
European	72.02	76.45	+0.94	1.13
Nth American	57.38	60.91	-0.22	0.43
UK Growth	79.41	84.30	+0.93	2.04
Intl Growth	98.72	104.80	-0.20	0.69
Charities	111.90	118.50†	+0.90	3.78
Intl Income	70.81	75.17	+0.25	5.36
Japan	57.40	60.93	-0.35	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	190.40	202.40	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	203.50	216.30	-0.20	..
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	5.60
-do- Acc	130.40	130.40†	+0.10	5.60
Emg Mkts Acc	92.94	99.94	-0.36	...
European Gth	201.80	214.00	+0.90	0.74
-do- Acc	217.00	230.10	+1.00	0.74
General	481.20	513.30	+3.30	2.36
-do- Acc	915.10	976.20	+6.00	2.36
Global Dist	133.80	140.70	+0.30	5.19
-do- Acc	149.80	157.50	+0.40	5.19
Income	144.80	154.40	+0.90	4.41
-do- Acc	213.60	227.80	+1.50	4.41
International	403.40	429.90	+0.50	0.65
-do- Acc	536.50	571.80	+0.80	0.65
Japan Acc	203.90	216.40	-0.50	..
New Europe	146.60	156.40	+1.10	1.66
-do- Acc	148.90	158.90	+1.10	1.66
Recovery	300.60	320.70	+1.30	2.80
-do- Acc	379.90	405.30	+1.80	2.80
European Inc	74.07	78.59†	+0.31	3.10
-do- Acc	95.96	101.80†	+0.70	3.10
Brit Blue Chip	74.47	79.36	+0.48	3.18
-do- Acc	87.83	93.60	+0.56	3.18
Portfolio	76.31	81.19	+0.40	2.79
-do- Acc	86.77	92.31	+0.44	2.79
Gold General	141.20	151.90†	-2.10	0.62
-do- Acc	144.50	155.40†	-2.10	0.62
Pacific	96.25	102.70†	-1.40	0.81
-do- Acc	102.40	109.20†	-1.40	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	54.16	57.78	+0.26	1.88
-do- Acc	60.45	64.49	+0.30	1.88
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 10C Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	58.61	62.68	+0.09	2.74
-do- Acc	59.51	63.65	+0.09	2.74
British Dist	78.85	84.33	+0.24	1.98
-do- Acc	89.26	95.46	+0.28	1.98
European Gth	181.30	193.90	+0.90	0.24
-do- Acc	227.60	243.40	+1.00	0.24
Extra High Inc	71.41	76.37†	+0.27	5.93
-do- Acc	127.70	136.60	+0.50	5.93
FT-SE 100 Index	49.32	52.75†	+0.16	2.57
-do- Acc	50.07	53.55	+0.17	2.57
Gilt Fixed Int	58.02	60.40	+0.16	6.59
-do- Acc	154.90	161.20	+0.40	6.59
High Yield	227.00	242.80	+0.70	4.45
-do- Acc	533.00	570.00	+1.70	4.45
Income	285.50	305.30†	+1.10	3.17
-do- Acc	603.40	645.40	+2.20	3.17
Japan Gth	369.40	395.10	-2.00	...
-do- Acc	389.90	417.00	-2.10	...
Mandarin Acc	105.10	112.40	-0.30	0.73
North American	164.90	176.40	-0.10	0.40
-do- Acc	208.00	222.50	-0.20	0.40
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	271.70	289.20†	+1.50	...
Deposit Inc	99.89	99.89†	-0.30	5.82
Deposit Acc	123.32	123.32†	+0.04	5.82
Euro Gth Acc	303.10	324.00	+0.90	..
Europa	130.20	139.30	+0.70	..
Ind Gth	176.70	188.90	+0.20	...
Japan Tracker	83.69	88.66	-0.01	..
UK Equity Inc	156.80	168.80	+1.00	3.91
-do- Acc	192.30	207.00	+1.20	3.91
UK Ind Tracker	146.40	156.70†	+1.00	3.07
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.90	203.60	.	1.45
-do- Acc	203.00	215.40	...	1.45
Asian Trader	168.00	182.20	-0.30	0.43
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.50	172.40†	-0.10	2.02
European	63.42	64.79	-0.14	1.59
Olympiad	57.62	59.12†	+0.15	0.20
Global Bond	48.12	48.72†	+0.07	6.28
Smaller Cos	68.37	71.47	+0.44	1.26
Equity Income	95.27	97.92	+0.70	5.01
UK Growth	86.25	88.92	+0.63	1.76
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilson Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.08	50.21	-0.35	1.15
Australian Acc	318.30	341.50	...	...
Conscience	62.85	67.07	+0.19	1.21
-do- Acc	67.84	72.40	+0.22	1.21
European	175.20	186.30	+0.20	1.12
-do- Acc	188.50	200.50	+0.20	1.12
Extra Income	74.23	79.22	+0.22	5.60
-do- Acc	113.90	121.50	+0.30	5.60
Far East Gth	173.90	185.80	-2.60	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	59.50	62.79†	+0.12	6.31
Gold	51.65	55.53	+0.11	..
-do- Acc	55.62	59.80	+0.11	...
Income	53.70	57.28	+0.21	4.91
-do- Acc	164.30	175.20	+0.50	4.91
International	30.57	32.50	-0.06	0.67
-do- Acc	43.93	47.13	-0.09	0.67
Jap Sm Cos Acc	365.70	390	-0.90	...
S'pore Mly Acc	204.10	218.80	-0.50	...
Smllr Cos Acc	25.25	27.15	+0.09	0.85
Special Sits	33.18	35.67	+0.16	1.74
-do- Acc	38.21	41.08	+0.19	1.74
Tokyo	92.11	98.25	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	93.05	99.25	-0.49	..
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	68.98	73.39†	+0.22	2.66
N&P Gil Fxd Int	78.38	82.95	+0.20	5.67
N&P Higher Inc	205.40	218.60†	+1.00	4.44
N&P UK Income	105.30	112.10	+0.20	3.66
N&P Intl	91.62	97.47	+0.04	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	74.69	79.46	+2.97	1.70
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	168.94	179.73†	+0.64	2.02
Global	305.79	325.31	+1.86	3.06
Growth	110.85	117.93	-0.40	1.93
Income	207.88	221.15†	+0.53	3.70
Intl Bond	134.16	142.47	-0.11	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	140.60	147.90	+0.80	2.53
-do- Acc	249.10	262.10	+1.40	2.53
Income	228.80	243.40	+1.50	3.38

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Intl Equity	231.90	246.60	+0.30	0.78
-do- Acc	253.90	270.00	+0.30	0.78
Equity	221.90	236.00	+1.30	2.41
-do- Acc	455.00	484.00	+2.80	2.41
UK Intl 25 Acc	71.87	76.46	+0.38	1.92
UK Income	62.55	66.54†	+0.44	2.98
UK Smllr Co Acc	77.35	82.29	+0.42	1.44
New Europe Acc	63.58	67.63	+0.28	1.04
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	99.50	106.42	-0.25	0.16
PEP Gth Inc	105.43	112.77	+0.22	1.34
Intl Gth	514.85	550.65	-0.49	0.63
Income	324.64	347.21	+1.74	3.23
W'wide Recov	327.05	349.79	+0.76	0.40
American Gth	210.15	224.76	-0.80	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	195.57	209.17	+0.16	0.09
Far East Gth	234.30	250.59	-2.33	0.03
European Gth	121.97	130.45	+0.88	1.05
UK Growth	81.48	87.15	+0.34	2.84
High Income	87.98	94.10†	+0.44	4.19
Japanese Gth	230.09	244.83	-0.29	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	181.49	193.00	-0.40	0.66
High Income	113.20	120.40	+0.50	3.51
Conv Gilt	113.40	120.70	+0.60	5.65
Far East	326.00	346.80	-1.60	0.06
Global Inc Acc	32.79	34.89	+0.03	4.90
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.29	54.56†	-0.15	0.20
Emerging Mkts	67.64	71.96†	-0.22	0.53
General	48.79	51.90	+0.18	3.09
International	87.11	92.67	-1.15	1.30
Gilt Units	27.01	27.85†	+0.06	7.14
Global PEP	36.34	38.66	-0.05	2.00
Income Gth	67.51	71.82†	+0.18	4.96
European	45.35	48.24	-0.11	0.63
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.37	26.99	-0.16	5.83
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925891				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.33	34.57	+0.06	1.62
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	100.81	101.31†	+0.04	4.72
-do- Acc	105.97	106.49†	+0.03	4.72
Pru Equity	670.27	716.86	+2.30	2.60
Pru Equity Inc	81.16	86.80†	-0.56	4.41
Pru European	182.12	194.78	+0.97	0.98
Pru Global Gth	81.70	87.37†	+0.15	1.32
Pru High Inc	87.63	93.72†	+0.30	4.81
Pru Intl	166.86	178.45†	-0.33	1.11
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.19	77.20	-0.06	0.67
Pru Japanese	213.16	227.97	-0.11	...
Pru Nth Amer	145.37	155.47	+0.19	0.82
Pru Pacific Mkt	81.73	87.41†	-0.18	1.12
Pru Premr Inc	51.61	53.73†	+0.24	5.04
Pru Smllr Cos	82.76	88.51	+0.28	2.12
Pru Spec Sits	99.48	106.39†	+0.41	2.51
Pru UK Grwth	110.96	118.67†	-1.08	2.43
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	159.63	170.66	+0.72	3.50
FA Japan	292.65	311.32	-0.92	...
FA Maj UK Cos	93.75	100.10	+0.47	2.50
FA America Inc	503.34	536.99†	+0.91	0.84
-do- Acc	587.70	626.93	+1.07	0.84
FA Smlr UK Cos	273.74	296.13	+0.85	1.58
FA European	264.18	280.03	+0.88	1.34
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.15	77.82	-0.05	3.62
Capital Units	148.70	158.20	+0.90	1.24
Commodity	111.30	118.40	-0.40	1.03
European Gth	165.40	176.00	+1.30	1.11
Financial Sec	184.40	196.20	+1.00	1.29
High Return	217.00	230.90†	+1.60	3.69
High Yield	211.60	225.10	+1.50	3.97
Income Units	112.40	119.60†	+1.10	4.51
Investment	187.60	199.60	+1.40	1.29
Japan Gth	165.10	175.60	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller	191.80	204.00	-1.10	...
Masterfund	48.44	51.53	+0.35	1.34
Scotbits	270.40	287.70†	+1.50	1.43
Scotshares	257.80	274.30	+2.10	2.67
Scotyields	231.80	246.60	+1.90	3.81
Select Intl	133.80	142.30	+0.20	0.40
Smaller Cos	234.30	249.30	+0.40	3.80
Special Situation	110.80	117.90	+0.60	0.82
UK Equity	227.10	241.60†	+2.10	2.86
US Growth	139.80	148.70	+0.50	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	238.49	253.61	-0.62	0.64
-do- Acc	258.40	274.77	-0.66	0.64
Australian	135.23	144.24†	-0.04	0.74
-do- Acc	159.93	170.60	-0.04	0.74
UK Enterprise	226.79	241.90†	+0.72	2.23
-do- Acc	268.02	282.69	+0.85	2.23
European Gth	64.32	68.40	+0.19	1.32
-do- Acc	66.81	71.05	+0.21	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	58.64	62.54	+0.25	0.44
-do- Acc	59.04	62.96	+0.25	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	75.24	80.25†	-0.43	...
-do- Acc	76.45	81.55	-0.43	...
Fixed Interest	55.89	58.94	+0.15	6.51
-do- Acc	67.87	71.57	+0.18	6.51
Gilt Income	108.43	114.27	-0.30	7.30
-do- Acc	151.43	159.59	-0.41	7.30
Income	337.92	360.44	+0.33	3.76
-do- Acc	996.75	1063.2	-0.97	3.76
Japan Enterprise	71.77	76.55	+0.06	.
-do- Acc	71.77	76.55	+0.06	..
Japan Smllr Cos	498.36	531.58†	-1.55	...
-do- Acc	499.36	532.65	-1.55	...
Pacific Gth	99.60	106.23†	-0.71	0.25
-do- Acc	102.55	109.38	-0.74	0.25
Smaller Cos	192.12	204.92	+0.72	0.97
-do- Acc	222.20	237.01	+0.83	0.97
Tokyo	115.85	123.57	-0.31	...
-do- Acc	117.02	124.81	-0.32	..
UK Equity	218.90	233.49†	-0.02	2.63
-do- Acc	410.44	437.80	-0.03	2.63
US Smllr Cos	138.27	147.48	-0.08	...
-do- Acc	138.27	147.48	-0.08	...
World Fd	73.04	77.90†	+0.08	1.40
-do- Acc	77.64	82.81	+0.09	1.40
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.10	51.23	+0.42	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.06	70.35	+0.73	1.04
European Opps	75.97	80.91	+0.64	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.72	103.25	+0.04	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	54.81	58.37	+0.22	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	352.40	376.70	+1.10	2.73
American	251.40	267.10	-0.40	0.75
Pacific	354.80	379.50	-1.80	0.53
European	468.50	501.10	-0.50	1.09
Worldwide	83.80	89.63	+0.06	0.97
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	311.50	331.40	+2.30	2.60

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UK Sm Cos Eqy	211.60	225.20	+0.70	1.59
European	345.90	368.00	+1.30	1.60
North American	259.40	276.00	+0.60	0.59
Income Plus Inc	71.02	75.56	+0.81	3.54
UK Spec Sits	70.23	74.72	+0.33	2.54
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.40	28.26	+0.15	2.72
Intl Growth Acc	30.69	32.85	+0.09	1.00
Market Ldrs Acc	26.75	28.63	+0.19	2.84
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 4228				
European	‡108.10	...	+0.40	...
Global Bond	‡103.50	...	+0.60	7.50
Japan Samurai	‡101.10	...	+0.10	...
UK Growth	‡101.80	...	+0.20	3.87
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	45.96	48.84	+0.30	1.54
Equity Gth Acc	63.41	67.38	+0.60	1.29
UK Eq General	43.29	46.00	+0.40	2.11
-do- Acc	57.16	60.74	+0.60	2.11
European Acc	43.46	46.18	+0.40	0.95
Far East Acc	59.72	63.46	-0.20	0.16
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.43	34.30	+0.30	6.06
N American Acc	43.15	45.85	-0.10	0.94
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	292.90	317.80	-0.80	1.38
UK Eq High Inc	37.57	39.92	+0.30	3.55
-do- Acc	44.62	47.41	+0.40	3.55
UK Lgr Cos Inc	300.30	325.80	-3.00	3.65
UK Lgr Cos Acc	390.80	424.10	-3.80	3.65
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.67	NZ$3.90	...	1.22
US Eq	$2.166	$2.304	...	1.16
Far East Eq	Y243.5	Y258.6	...	...
Japan Eq	Y250.0	Y265.5	...	...
FT Europe	115.30	122.40	...	2.13
FT North Am	$1.711	$1.814	...	1.32
FT Japan	Y250.0	Y265.5	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.968	$2.090	...	1.46
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	345.40	368.30	+0.80	0.32
British	973.80	1030.3	+3.80	3.94
European	401.20	422.30	-0.60	1.35
Japan	155.60	165.20	-0.50	...
New Pacific	314.80	335.30	-1.20	0.97
Mngd Cash	95.73	95.73†	...	5.17
Majority Stg	99.93	100.93†	+0.03	4.84
Inv Tst	202.00	214.10	+1.10	1.66
Saints PPP	381.60	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	751.10	803.30	-3.70	2.84
N America Acc	118.70	127.00	-0.10	0.27
Far East Acc	131.50	140.60	-0.60	0.17
W'wide Bond	62.33	66.17	+0.01	5.19
European	87.62	93.71	-0.29	0.61
Equity Income	86.46	92.47	+1.17	3.88
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.98	36.35	-0.02	0.52
Managed Assets	122.09	130.58†	-0.61	3.11
UK Income	37.98	40.63	+0.33	3.08
UK Growth	37.46	40.07	-0.19	2.39
Worldwide Gth	32.19	34.43†	+0.10	0.31
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	213.98	227.64†	+0.37	0.08
-do- Acc	235.68	250.72†	+0.40	0.08
British Gth	89.23	94.93	+0.54	1.90
-do- Acc	104.99	111.69	+0.63	1.90
European	99.13	105.46†	-1.60	1.00
-do- Acc	105.36	112.09†	-1.71	1.00
Extra Inc	195.73	208.22	+0.85	4.04
-do- Acc	312.23	332.16	+1.35	4.04
General Unit	273.48	290.94†	+1.23	2.37
-do- Acc	546.18	581.04†	+2.46	2.37
Income	335.20	356.60	+1.57	3.51
-do- Acc	696.59	741.05	+3.27	3.51
International	503.85	536.01	-0.33	0.32
-do- Acc	659.59	701.69	-0.43	0.32
Pacific	364.58	387.85	-1.88	..
-do- Acc	382.97	407.42	-1.97	..
Premier Income	52.90	55.10†	+0.27	6.86
-do- Acc	111.82	116.48†	+0.56	6.86
Nat Resources	143.41	152.56	+0.72	..
-do- Acc	157.38	167.43	+0.79	..
Selected Opps	101.85	108.35	+0.60	1.15
-do- Acc	127.30	135.64	+0.74	1.15
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	73.25	78.13	+1.93	...
-do- Acc	75.55	80.58	+1.99	...
European Opps	63.29	67.34	+0.18	0.44
-do- Acc	63.95	68.06	+0.20	0.44
Japan	94.09	100.10	-0.45	...
-do- Acc	94.09	100.10	-0.45	...
Little Dragons	77.70	82.87	+0.27	0.60
-do- Acc	79.99	85.32	+0.28	0.60
Oriental Income	45.88	48.93	-0.12	3.25
-do- Acc	58.48	62.37	-0.16	3.25
Tiger	221.68	236.45	-1.60	1.11
-do- Acc	232.89	248.41	-1.71	1.11
UK Small Cos	82.53	88.26	+0.10	1.80
-do- Acc	96.28	102.97	+0.12	1.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	19.35	20.58	+0.08	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.03	36.20	+0.09	0.60
Canadian Gth	34.69	36.90	+0.20	...
Global Bond	$0.976	$1.016	+0.002	7.10
Penny Share	25.11	26.71	+0.10	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.13	53.13	-0.01	5.04
Gilt Growth	71.32	74.22	-0.66	..
Gilt Income	54.14	56.34	-0.32	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	110.80	112.20	-0.40	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.727	+0.000	..
Challenger	98.15	100.40	-0.56	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	70.99	75.52	+0.42	1.89

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Shares hit record as latest figures confirm recovery

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ The strongest new consumer credit figures in two years and the producer prices index point to an economic recovery without a resurgence of inflation

THE stock market shot to record highs yesterday, propelled by a barrage of encouraging economic news, including rising demand for consumer credit and another set of helpful inflation figures.

Investors were also reacting to a study from the Bank of England which concluded that British companies are better placed to respond to economic recovery this time around than in the early 1980s.

The FTSE 100 index rose 16.6 points to a new all-time high of 2,986.4.

The Central Statistical Office (CSO) reported that net credit taken out by consumers had jumped to £213 million in June, almost doubling the £118 million increase in May and the strongest monthly rise for two years. Credit card borrowing rose by £64 million in June, in stark contrast to May's £56 million net repayment of credit card debt.

Treasury officials pointed out that net new lending of £525 million in the second quarter of this year was the highest since the final quarter of 1990.

Economists and government officials have been looking for signs that consumers are prepared to start borrowing again to finance purchases after a long period when they concentrated on paying off the huge debts accumulated in the 1980s.

The jump in new credit in June clearly reflects borrowing for early summer sales and suggests that consumers are, at last, beginning to be more courageous again. Retailers said last month that, despite improved sales volumes, they were still concerned about a lack of solid consumer confidence.

The Bank of England says, in an advance article from its *Quarterly Bulletin*, due out this week, that corporate profits, retained earnings and companies' financial deficit all improved significantly in the first quarter of this year, after changing little in the course of 1992.

Corporate performance was helped by a slow recovery in demand and by the sharp falls in interest rates before and after sterling's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism. Profits rose by 8.4 per cent in nominal terms in the 12 months to the end of the first quarter of this year.

The Bank says large firms are better placed to take advantage of the recovery than they were in the 1980s, partly because of higher productivity and greater competitiveness and partly because more flexible labour markets have enabled companies to contain labour costs earlier and more decisively.

The CSO also released producer prices data showing that import price rises are relatively subdued but that demand in the economy is now strong enough for manufacturers to pass on higher costs to their customers.

That has slightly negative implications for inflation but is positive news for companies, which have long faced the need to rebuild their profit margins.

The CSO said seasonally adjusted input prices (which now include petrol) were unchanged in July, leaving them 6.6 per cent higher than a year ago, compared with an annual rise of 7 per cent in June. However, factory gate prices rose at an annual rate of 4.1 per cent in July, compared with 4 per cent in June, the highest rate for almost two years.



Horsepower: Marlboro is still riding high as the world's No. 1

Brands alive and kicking

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

TALK of the demise of big brands is premature, though leaner times have driven consumers to look harder at prices, according to *Financial World*, the American business magazine.

Its latest annual survey suggests that brands are alive and kicking, with the well-weathered cowhand look of Marlboro Man, star of the Philip Morris cigarette stable, still riding high as the most valuable brand name, despite the 40 cent a pack discount it introduced in America this summer.

The cigarette price wars that Marlboro unleashed were prompted by the recognition that perceived brand value and retail price had moved too far out of line. Some analysts fear that companies' readiness to discount deeply could quickly lead to brand destruction.

Coca-Cola took second place on the magazine's rankings. Third place went, rather surprisingly for what is not a retail product, to Intel, the microchip maker. The top 59 brands in the magazine's 1992 survey have shown a modest rise overall in brand equity over the past 12 months, with 35 going up in value, while 24 shed value.

The valuation formula, ranking 111 brands, is based on that used by Interbrand Group, the London company regarded the world's premier brand valuer. Valuations are based on a product's sales worldwide, profitablity and growth potential.

The Marlboro brand is valued at $39.5 billion, or almost four times its 1992 sales. Coca-Cola's brand is valued at $33.4 billion and Intel's at $17.8 billion.

The only top 10 non-American brands are Nescafé and Bacardi. The highest value of any British brand, $2.74 billion, was for Guinness beer.

Hopes recede for rescue of Swan Hunter

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PROSPECTS of saving the Swan Hunter shipyard on Tyneside are fading. Despite vigorous efforts, administrative receivers from Price Waterhouse have apparently failed to find a buyer during the three months since their appointment.

VSEL, the leading British candidate, last night ruled itself out of the running, insisting it was interested only in the workload and some assets. Noel Davies, chief executive of the Barrow-in-Furness group, said: "Along with a lot of other companies, we have expressed an interest in some of the assets and in completing the three Type 23 frigates being built there.

"Some people thought we wanted to buy the yard," added Mr Davies. "That is not the case."

A spokesman for AMEC, the engineering to construction group that builds platform sections for the North Sea oil industry in the adjoining Howden yard, said his company had no need for extra capacity.

GEC, which had offered to help the cash-strapped Swan Hunter if it won the contract to build a helicopter carrier for the navy, has shown little interest since the £139 million assignment went to a joint bid from VSEL and Kvaerner Govan on Clydeside. By paring their profit margins to the bone, they were able to undercut the Tyneside yard by some £71 million.

The chances of saving the yard have never been good. VSEL closed its Cammell Laird yard in Birkenhead, Merseyside this summer after searching for years — both in Britain and overseas — to find a buyer.

Ministers are backing a plea to Brussels for the yard to be redesignated for the construction of merchant ships, enabling it to claim government aid. The Ministry of Defence has also signed a contract with the receivers for Swan Hunter to complete the Type 23 frigates, a project that will take up to 18 months.

This offers the best hope that the receivers will be able to hand over the operation to a group with shipbuilding expertise. But without an assured flow of work in the future, the most likely prospect is for a continued orderly run-down.

Already, 1,000 workers have left in two waves of redundancies since the appointment of the receivers on May 13. Union officials on Tyneside say the remaining 1,500 workers are doing all they can to enhance the chances of finding a buyer. However, Britain has a surplus of warship-building capacity and the world has a surplus of civil yards. In such circumstances, Swan's chances of finding a buyer look slim.

Losses at MTM cut to £11.9m

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

MTM, the former speciality chemical group that sold the bulk of its assets to rival BTP this year, took its first step towards a brighter future as it reported interim results for the six months to the end of June.

The balance sheet of the once debt-ridden group has been transformed. Net assets at the interim stage stood at £20 million, equivalent to 77p per share, compared with a share price of 48p at yesterday's close. At the December year-end, the group had negative net assets of £23 million.

The profit and loss account, however, bears the scars of MTM's turbulent history. Pre-tax losses for the six months to end-June, which mainly relate to businesses now sold to BTP, fell to £11.9 million from £28 million in the previous year. The company said the losses reflected "difficult trading conditions", as well as concern among customers and suppliers over its financial health.

The success story of MTM, once a glamour stock of the 1980s, came to an abrupt end in March 1992, when the group issued two profit warnings within a week. The following month, MTM admitted it had breached its banking covenants and investigations by the Stock Exchange and the Serious Fraud Office followed. The £100 million sale of most of its assets to BTP last April was largely seen as a move to satisfy the banks, which were owed £120 million.

MTM Agrochemicals, the remaining business within the restructured group, has now been turned round from operating losses of £1.6 million last year, to a small operating profit of £300,000. David Swallow, MTM's chairman, is in discussions with potential buyers for the agrochemicals business, but insists he will only sell "at the right price".

The group's £10 million cash reserves have been earmarked to fund and develop acquisitions. In particular, the group is considering biotechnology companies, to provide the backbone for growth. Mr Swallow is looking at several venture capital-backed science-based businesses, which need a more established company to manage their growth.

There is no interim dividend, but the group said it has received Court approval to transfer funds from its share premium account to use as distributable reserves to pay future dividends.

Healthcare operator makes £4m

BY CARL MORTISHED

WESTMINSTER Healthcare, the nursing homes operator, beat its flotation profit forecast by 11 per cent with a pre-tax return of £4.3 million for the year to the end of May, compared with £1.7 million in 1992.

The boost came from better than expected treasury operations and a rise in prices of between 4 per cent and 6 per cent.

But Westminster's rapid rate of expansion was mainly due to 11 new homes built during the period that helped to lift turnover from £23 million to £37 million. The dividend is at the forecast rate of 0.5p per share.

Westminster received just under half its revenue from local authorities in the year just ended, a reduction of 10 per cent on the previous year. Private patients can pay as much as 40 per cent more than the local authority rates and the company wants to reduce the proportion of publicly funded beds to 30 per cent in the longer term.

Capital spending during the year was £25.9 million with £24 million forecast for the current year programme of 700 new beds, of which half will be based in the South.

Airline sues over copier contracts

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

TALKS are likely to be held this week between American Airlines and Southern Business Group, the photocopiers company, to try and reach an out-of-court settlement of a pending legal dispute.

Two writs have already flown between the parties in recent months. American Airlines claimed £103,000 for alleged misrepresentation at the end of June in connection with a contract for the leasing of 22 photocopiers that it signed in November 1991.

Southern Business Group responded with its own writ for more than £670,000 at the end of July, concerning American Airlines' alleged repudiatory breach of the contract.

However, David McErlain, SBG's chairman, said: "I very much doubt this will come to court. I think the two parties will resolve this shortly.

"It seems we had to see how serious they were, and they definitely had to see how serious we were."

American Airlines would not comment, but sources close to the company said it was also keen to reach an out-of-court settlement.

It is understood the dispute centres on forecasts of how many photocopies the airline would need each month at offices scattered throughout the south-east of England.

One insider said: "After their examination, SBG estimated American Airlines would need 369,000 photocopies a month and charged accordingly. This has been at around £14,700 a month. However, American's own study earlier this year suggested it was only using 266,000 photocopies a month and was therefore paying for 100,000 copies it was not using."

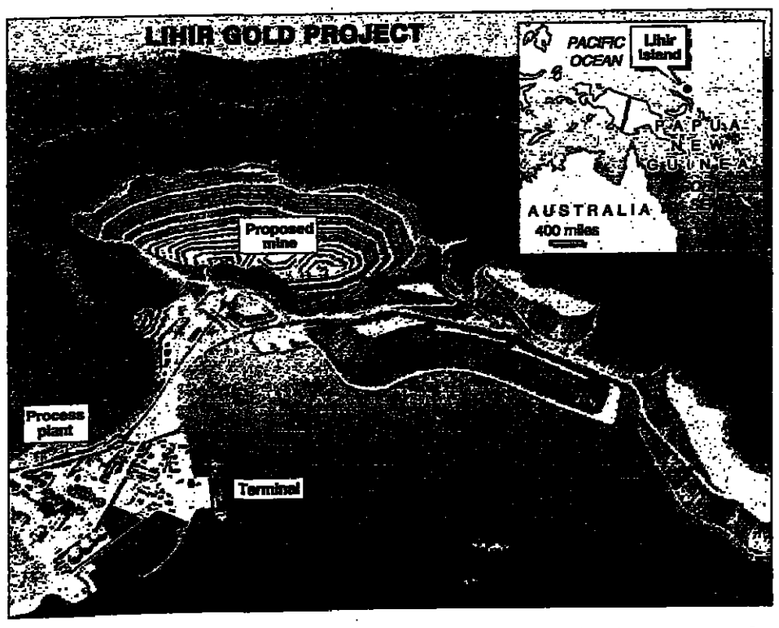
On the subject of usage forecasts, Mr McErlain said the waters had been muddied by American Airlines' takeover of rival TWA in July 1991. The integration of the two businesses had made it harder to estimate photocopy use. He said: "It was not our fault they took over TWA. It was impossible for us to keep up."

Mr McErlain added that SBG had been trying to renegotiate copy volume with the client for two years, and any compromise reached would be backdated for that period.

The row takes place against the background of an investigation by the Office of Fair Trading into the hiring and leasing of office equipment.

RTZ unearths gold partner

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT



MINING analysts raised their eyebrows yesterday when RTZ revealed the identity of the partner it was bringing in for the possible development of the Lihir gold project in Papua New Guinea.

Analysts had expected the partner to be one of the established and producing mining groups, which might have included Malaysia Mining Corporation, Minorco or an Australian or South African group. RTZ, however, said it had negotiated with the Canadian listed Venezuelan Goldfields, to whom it would sell a 19.99 per cent stake in Lihir for $60 million.

RTZ, owning 80 per cent of Lihir, added it was also selling a further 16 per cent for $48 million to fellow partner Niugini Mining, which discovered the deposit in 1982 and already has a range of producing mines in various parts of the world.

Under the new partnership, RTZ/Vengold have 40 per cent of Lihir and the PNG government and Niugini 30 per cent each.

Euan Worthington, a director of the mining team at Warburg, said Vengold was "a very unexpected alliance".

RTZ emphasised it would still manage Lihir on behalf of the joint venturers. It said the terms agreed with Vengold were "pretty reasonable", adding that "they were easy to deal with". Lihir is one of the largest undeveloped gold resources outside South Africa, with mining reserves of 13.7 million ounces of gold. It would have a mine life of 31 years. Development costs are likely to between $700 million and $767 million. Construction work could start early next year, and take 28 months.

Lihir Island measures about 12 miles by nine. The deposit lies within a collapsed volcanic crater that "recently" became dormant.

Rock temperatures remain high, with a quarter of the material to be mined at a temperature of 100 deg C or higher.

The PNG government has long pressed the partners to develop Lihir. They, in turn, privately insisted that an original $1.2 million cost was too high, and that risks in the country had to be carefully assessed. They also had to work out the project's economics based on their assumptions of the gold price.

In frustration, PNG officials indicated that if RTZ/Niugini did not go ahead, other partners who would be found to develop Lihir.

RTZ has been looking to bring in outside partners for some months, and yesterday announced it would be Vengold. Completion is subject to the equity transfers being approved by the PNG government, compensation and relocation agreements with the landowners, and financing by each joint partner.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

REUNION
Calling all Manchester Law Graduates - the Second Annual Reunion by Manchester University Law Graduates Association will take place on Saturday 19th September 1993. For details of membership and the Reunion contact the Secretary (MULGA) on 061-275 3561.

LEGAL NOTICES

Alsten Commercial Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Peter S Dunn FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kentrick Place, London W1M 3FP, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Creditors on 4th August 1993.
DATED this 4th August 1993
Peter S Dunn FCA, Liquidator.

ARJO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LIMITED
Company Number: 1440000
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF ARJO HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT LIMITED
On 6 June 1993 the above company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and P R C Densham of Price Waterhouse, 31 Great George Street, Bristol BS1 5QD was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 20 September 1993 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date: 29 July 1993
P R C Densham, Liquidator.

FINISHTRUCE LIMITED
Company Number: 2091188
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF FINISHTRUCE LIMITED
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Date: 29 July 1993
P R C Densham, Liquidator.

LEGAL NOTICES

Exterior-Lite Services Ltd
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2PS on Tuesday, 24 August 1993 at 10.00 am for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the events leading up to the appointment of the Joint Administrative Receivers, the manner in which the administrative receivership has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 p.m. on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.
Dated this 9th day of August 1993
J A Talbot and A W Brierley
Joint Administrative Receivers

MECHANAIDS (UK SALES) LIMITED
Company Number: 2028240
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF MECHANAIDS (UK SALES) LIMITED
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Date: 29 July 1993
P R C Densham, Liquidator.

MECHANAIDS (UK SERVICES) LIMITED
Company Number: 2028241
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Date: 29 July 1993
P R C Densham, Liquidator.

OLDMANOR PLC
Registered number: 2667088
Trading name: Bleeds. Nature of business: Retailers of Wines, Beers and Spirits. Trade classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 3rd August 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: FPA Weasty and OCA Morphids (office holder nos: 7786 and 4228) of Cape & Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.

MURRAY CUREX PRINTING LIMITED
Company Number: 2295852
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF MURRAY CUREX PRINTING LIMITED
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The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
Date: 29 July 1993
P R C Densham, Liquidator.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE NAMED COMPANIES
On 16 July 1993 the above named companies were placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips of Price Waterhouse, No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL has had his appointment as Liquidator confirmed at the 99B meeting of creditors held on 27 July 1993.
Creditors of the companies are requested to send details in writing of their claims against the companies to the Liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the Liquidator. The Liquidator reserves his right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Dated 27 July 1993
Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips
Liquidator.

Rule 4.106 of
The Insolvency Act 1986
SYSTEMSTORE LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, David John Mason of Morison Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts AL1 1ND, was appointed Liquidator of Systemstore Limited by the Secretary of State on 9 July 1993.
DATED this 6th day August 1993
David John Mason, Liquidator.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CONNEELY PLASTERING LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 27 August 1993 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 3rd day of August 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
E. Conneely, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE BATH COUNTY COURT
No 153 OF 1993
IN BANKRUPTCY
ILLYA GALLIC
I, Maurice Moses, Chartered Accountant of Levy Gee & Partners, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ give notice that I was appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above named on 21st July 1993. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
Dated this 2nd day of August 1993
Maurice Moses FCA, Trustee

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 NO 89 OF 1993
In The Southend County Court
Crouch Valley Homes Limited
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that Mr David A Stern, Chartered Accountant of Messrs Levy Gee & Partners, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EJ was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 28th June 1993.
Dated this 2nd day of August 1993
David A Stern FCA, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
NOEL ALEXANDER ASSOCIATES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that T.J. Roper F.I.P.A of T.J. Roper & Co. Bartican Citygate, 1-3 Dufferin Street, London EC1Y 8NA was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by members and creditors on 3rd August 1993.
Dated this 6th day August 1993
T.J. Roper, Liquidator.

Bonds, Wall Street and France help send shares to record

THE bull run continued as the stock market powered to a record level, carrying on from Friday's new peak. The market consolidated recent gains and the FT-SE 100 index moved ahead a further 17 points to touch an intra-day high of 2,986.8 in afternoon dealing, climbing above the previous intra-day record of 2980.9 achieved on March 9.

Equities were heartened by the recent strong bond market rally, the latest French interest rate cut, continuing good news on UK inflation and prospects of another eventual cut in domestic interest rates. Shares were also buoyed by technical factors and a strong start on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index closed at a new high of 2,986.4, up 16.6. But

STOCK MARKET

volume was relatively thin, only reaching 525.3 million shares. Some strategists believe the bull run is here to stay, but others are turning cautious before seeing further proof of sustained earnings recovery.

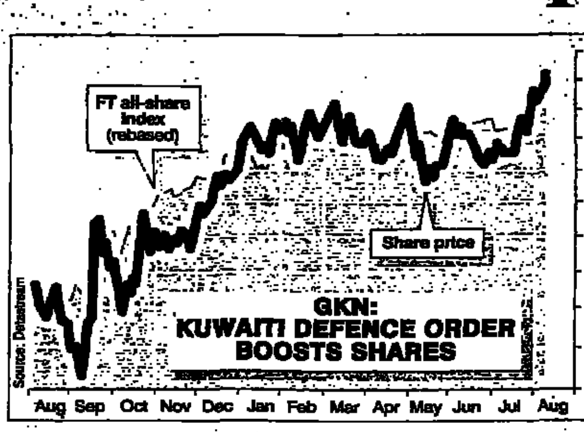
Reuters continued its recent rally, with American demand and a stock shortage helping the shares close at a new high of £15.48, up 13p.

The recent buoyant market trading, which has seen the FT-SE 100 index advance more than 170 points in under three weeks, helped **SG Warburg** gain 11p to 793p, while **Sharelink** rose 2p to 298p. The prospect of a brighter outlook for mortgages lifted **Abbey National** 8p to 410p, while **Standard Chartered** added 12p to 896p, helped by positive noises from Hoare Govett.

Grand Metropolitan rose 14p to 433p, boosted by brighter prospects for the group's American frozen food operations.

Vodafone Group climbed 13p to 509p on follow-through buying after Friday's rise in the mobile telephone group's American Depositary Receipts. Elsewhere in the sector, **BT** gained 3½p to 427½p and **BT partly-paid** 3p to 180p, while **Cable & Wireless** added 13p to 824p.

BOC rose 14p to 714p as buying interest picked up before third-quarter results due later today. **GKN** firmed 4p to 503p on its long-awaited £500 million order from Kuwait for a new fleet of Warrior armoured personnel vehicles. **T&N** put on 4p to 212p in sympathy.



British Aerospace advanced 14p to 449p, boosted by talk of a Warburg recommendation and unconfirmed reports that its Royal Ordnance unit had won a contract said to be worth £1 billion to supply most of the UK's ammunition needs. Analysts treated the reports with caution. **Babcock**, also said to be recommended by Warburg, firmed ¼p to 43¾p.

Some of the food retailers suffered a bout of indigestion, falling against a mainly firmer market as Smith New Court took a negative stance on the sector and advised investors to remain underweight in the sector. **J Sainsbury** fell 6p to 465p, **Asda** 1½p to 64p and **Argyll Group** 4p to 325p.

Drug stocks also failed to participate in the broad advance. **Glaxo** slipped 12½p to 516½, nervous over the outcome of the Zantac patent case in America, while **SmithKline Beecham A** fell 11p to 438p and **Wellcome** 22p to 654p. **Medeva** gave up 5p to 111p before figures later this month, while **Zeneca** weakened 6p to 650p.

But non-food retailers found support on hopes of a boost to consumer spending from lower interest rates, with **Storehouse**, up 7p to 218p, particularly keenly sought. **Kleen-e-ze** returned to favour after last week's profit-taking, gaining 18p to 216p in anticipation of profits from its new battery charger product. But **Spring Ram** dipped 2p to 67p as hopes of a takeover receded.

Johnson Matthey slid 6p to 481p, with the stock depressed as Smith New Court turned bearish.

Hickson International fell 4p to 190p on reports that BZW had cut its forecast after a blast at the group's manufacturing plant last Friday.

Newcomer **Bakyrchik Gold** made a sparkling debut, scoring a 26p premium to close at 146p against a 120p issue price.

☐ **Gilt-edged** stocks enjoyed continued demand at the longer end, with gains of more than £½ for some longer-dated securities. The long gilt future ended unchanged at £111 15/32, on a volume of 46,000 contracts for the September series.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Greene King expands

One of the UK's biggest provincial brewers, Greene King, is more than doubling the number of public houses it owns in central London with the £17.5 million acquisition of 44 outlets from Bass.

The public houses are being bought at an average price of a little under £400,000, with the 28 London pubs bringing Greene King's total in the capital up to 45. Most of the other pubs being bought from Bass are in Surrey. Greene King's overall pub estate will rise to 870. **Tempus, page 23**

Respite for BM

BM Group, the troubled engineering company, has announced that borrowing facilities with its main bankers have been extended to September 6, 1993. Meanwhile, talks continue on suitable longer-term financing for the group. BM recently disclosed its distribution arm was up for sale as it tries to cut gearing, which is currently running at more than 100 per cent.

CCS in profit

CCS Group, the building products group, has returned to the black. It announced taxable profits of £1.5 million in the six months to end-April, against losses of £38,000 last time. This follows an agreement with the Midland Bank to write off liabilities of about £1.2 million in return for £200,000 of preference shares and £100,000 of loan stock.

Govett surges

Govett & Company, the Anglo-American investment management business, increased its pre-tax profits by 23 per cent to $22.8 million in the first half of the year, after a take-off in retail demand for its growth market funds. The group has increased its dividend for the first half of the year from 9.5 to 10 cents.

Glaxo's fortunes hinge on Zantac court case

■ The pharmaceutical industry is beset with battles on patents over sole manufacturing rights. Glaxo is having to defend a best selling drug in America

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GLAXO, the world's second largest pharmaceuticals group, began US court action yesterday to keep sole rights to Zantac, the ulcer drug. The drug accounts for an estimated 60 per cent of Glaxo's profits and is the best-selling pharmaceutical in the world. Analysts say the outcome of the fight will determine profitability for Glaxo, headed by Sir Paul Girolami, for the next ten years or so.

Glaxo's shares eased 25 cents, to $15.375, against a rising market on Wall Street, as hearings began of the company's case against Novopharm, the Canadian generic drug maker. Novopharm has filed with US authorities to enter the American market with a generic version of Zantac in 1995.

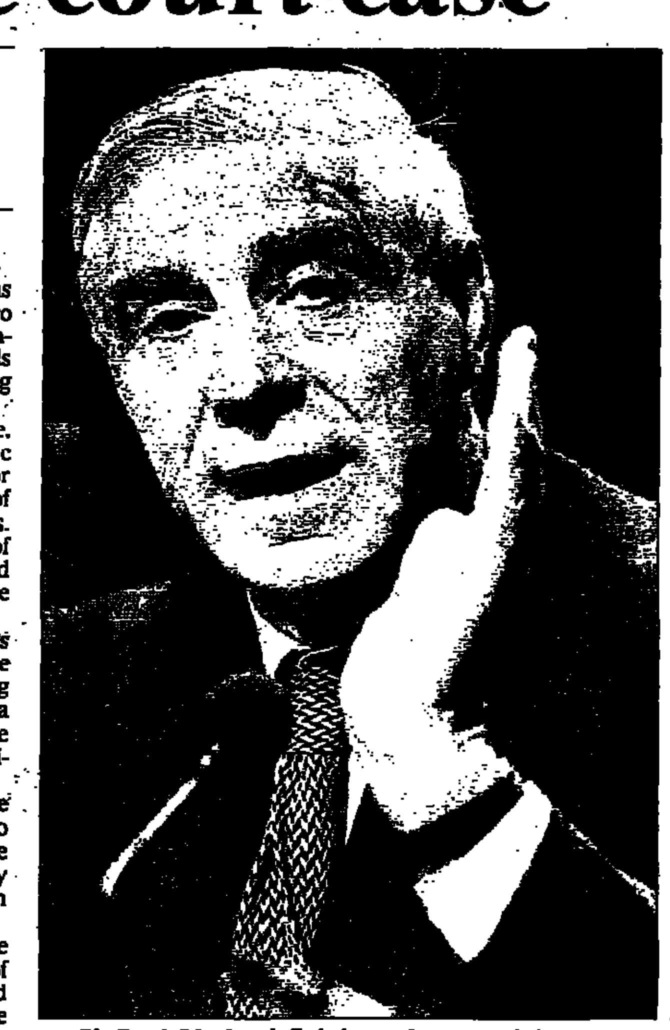
As part of its opening arguments, Glaxo presented scientific evidence to the North Carolina court on the difference between two formulas for making Zantac that is central to the argument over when the patents expire. Novopharm maintains that the patent runs out on both formulas in two years. Glaxo says the construction of both compounds given it sole rights to the drug until 2002.

Should Glaxo lose the case, analysts estimate that generic products would account for between 70 and 80 per cent of the market within three years. Zantac currently has half of the US market and is regarded as one of the most expensive ulcer treatments.

Charles Sanders, Glaxo's US chief executive, said: "We feel pretty good about being able to win this suit. We have a valid patent. If we lose the patent it would be very significant event for Glaxo."

Glaxo's profits have climbed from £832 million to £1.427 billion in the past five years, largely propelled by Zantac. US sales of which topped $1.7 billion last year.

A decision on the court case is not expected until the end of this year and an appeal could delay a final verdict until the end of 1994.



Sir Paul Girolami: fighting to keep crucial patent

RECENT ISSUES

Bakyrchik (120)	146	...
BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	183	+3
Celsis International (100)	108	+1
Court Cavendish (225)	187	...
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	97	...
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	51	+1
Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	22	-½
Explaura A	3½	...
Field Group (250)	285	...
Fine Decor (210)	264	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	153	...
Flying Flowers (65)	77	+1
Govett Emerging Mkts	109	+1
Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	53	+1
Johnson Fry Utls (100)	112½	+½
Johnson Fry Utls Zero Pf	105	+½
Kleinwrt Emrg Mkts (100)	106	...
-do- Wrnts	63	-1
Martin Currie Pac Wts	63	...
Perpetual Japan Inv (100)	107	...
Perpetual Japan Wts	53	+1
Policy Portfolio (130)	145	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Sothebys	750p (+12p)
Close Bros	409p (+12p)
HSBC	725p (+11p)
Grand Met	433p (+14p)
Whitbread 'A'	520p (+13p)
ADT	590p (+20p)
Unidare	365p (+17p)
Eurocamp	223p (+13p)
British Aerospace	449p (+14p)
BOC	714p (+14p)
Cable & Wireless	824p (+13p)
Vodafone	509p (+13p)

FALLS:

Wellcome	654p (-22p)
SmithKline	438p (-11p)
Thomson Corp	785p (-10p)
Antofagasta	905p (-20p)
Sappi	392p (-68p)
Computer People	95p (-10p)

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WALL STREET

Clinton's success lifts Dow

New York — Shares held their gains at midday in a rally spurred by a surge in the bond market and relief over the passage of President Clinton's budget-deficit reduction plan.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.84 at 3,580.27. Advancing issues led declining shares by more than nine to eight.

US Treasuries were near session highs, with the long bond up 20/32 to yield 6.48 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended moderately higher in light trade. The Nikkei average closed up 135.11 points, or 0.66 per cent, at 20,493.05. About 190 million shares were traded.

People were hopeful about the coalition government after the prime minister, Morihiro Hosokawa, announced the new cabinet and expectations of a rate cut supported sentiment, but profit-taking limited the rise, brokers said.

"Many fund managers are on vacation and those who are still working prefer not to take fresh positions ahead of the summer holidays," said a trader. "Unless big factors like a yen surge emerge, the market will be boxed this week."

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed slightly lower as profit-taking erased strong early gains from overseas buying. The Hang Seng index fell 14.55 points to 7,382.22 after surging 101 points earlier.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed at a 1993 high of 1,872.30, up 2.92 points from Friday's close when the previous closing high of 1,869.38 was chalked up.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed 2.1 points up at 1,844.3.

☐ **Singapore** — The market was closed for a holiday. (Reuter)

	Aug 9 midday	Aug 6 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64½
AMR Corp	65½	64⅝
Abbott Labs	23⅞	24⅛
Aetna Life	58⅝	58¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅝	19⅝
Air Prod & Chem	41¼	40⅝
Albertson's	53⅝	52⅝
Alcan Aluminum	20⅞	20⅞
Alco Standard	46⅛	45¼
Allied Signal	73⅞	73⅞
Alum Co of Am	71¼	71⅛
Amax	25	24¾
Amerada Hess	48	48
Amer Brands	30⅝	30⅞
Amer Cyanamid	51⅝	51⅛
Amer El Power	38⅛	38
Amer Express	33⅞	33⅞
Amer Genl Corp	32⅛	31¼
Amer Home Pr	60⅝	62
Amer Intl	95⅛	95⅛
Amer Stores	42⅝	42⅝
Amer T & T	63⅝	62⅞
Ameritech	82	81¼
Amoco	53⅝	53⅞
Anheuser-Busch	46⅛	46⅛
Apple Computer	29⅝	29⅛
Archer Daniels	23⅛	23⅛
Arkla	8⅝	8⅛
Armco	6⅞	6⅝
Armstrng Wrld	37⅝	37⅛
Asarco	19⅛	19⅝
Ashland Oil	30	29⅞
Atl Richfield	113¼	114¼
Auto Data Pro	51	50⅛
Avery Dennison	26⅝	27⅝
Avon Products	57⅝	57
Baker Hughes	25⅞	26
Baltim Gas & El	26⅝	26⅞
Banc One	54⅝	53⅞
BankAmerica	46⅛	45⅛
Bank of NY	55⅝	54⅝
Bankers Tr NY	78⅝	78⅛
Barnett Banks	48	47⅝
Bausch & Lomb	45⅛	46
Baxter Intl	26⅛	26⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	35⅝	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	58⅝	58
BellSouth	56⅛	55⅞
Black & Decker	20⅝	20
Block (H&R)	37⅛	36⅝
Boeing	39	38⅝
Boise Cascade	20⅝	20
Borden Inc	15⅛	15⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	51⅝	52⅞
Browning Ferris	23⅝	23
Burlington Nthn	57⅝	56⅝
CBS	242⅛	242⅛
CNA Financial	87⅝	87⅝
CPC Intl	41¼	41⅝
CSX	76⅛	75⅝
Campbell Soup	35⅝	36
Can Pacific	16⅝	16⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	503	503
Cptl Holdings	43⅝	43⅝
Carolina Pwr	32⅝	33
Caterpillar	79⅝	78⅝
Central & SW	32⅛	32⅞
Champion Intl	33⅝	33⅝
Chase Manhat	33⅞	33⅝
Chemical Bk	43	42
Chevron Corp	86⅛	84⅝
Chrysler	42⅞	42
Chubb Corp	91⅛	91⅝
Cigna Corp	61	61
Citicorp	33	33
Clorox	51⅝	51⅝
Coastal Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Coca Cola	43⅛	42⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	49⅝	49⅝
Columbia Gas	22⅝	22⅝
Commonw Ed	29⅛	29⅛
Compaq Comp	52⅝	50⅞
Comp Ass Int	30⅛	29⅛
Conagra	23⅛	23⅝
Cons Edison	36⅝	36⅝
Cons Nat Gas	51⅛	51⅛
Cons Rail	54⅛	54⅝
Cooper Inds	49⅛	49⅝
Corning Inc	32⅛	32⅝
Crown Cork	38⅛	35⅝
Dana Corp	55⅝	55⅝
Dayton Hudson	69⅛	68⅝
Deere	65⅝	64⅛
Delta Air Lines	50⅝	50⅞
Deluxe Corp	36⅝	36⅛
Detroit Edison	35⅝	35⅝
Digital Equip	36⅛	36⅝
Dillard Dept St	37⅛	37
Disney (Walt)	37⅝	36⅛
Dominion Res	47⅛	47⅛
Donelley (RR)	30⅛	29⅝
Dover Corp	49⅛	48⅝
Dow Chemicals	59⅝	58⅞
Dow Jones	30⅝	29⅛
Dresser	24⅝	25⅝
Duke Power	42⅝	42⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	58⅝	58⅝
Du Pont	46⅛	46⅛
Eastman Kodak	59⅝	58⅝
Eaton Corp	45⅝	46
Emerson Elec	60⅛	60⅝
Engelhard Corp	38⅛	38⅛
Enron Corp	67⅛	67¼
Entergy Corp	37⅛	38⅛
Ethyl Corp	18⅝	18⅝
Exxon	64⅛	64⅛
FMC Corp	48⅝	48⅛
FPL Group	39⅝	39⅛
Federal Express	55⅛	54
Fed Nat Mtge	82⅝	82⅝
First Chicago	46⅛	46⅝
First Interstate	63	62⅞
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅛	33⅝
Fluor Corp	42	42
Ford Motor	52⅝	51⅛
GTE Corp	35⅛	35⅝
Gannett	50⅝	50⅝
Gap Inc Del	29⅛	29⅛
Gen Dynamics	93⅛	93⅝
Gen Electric	100⅝	99⅝
Gen Mills	59⅛	59⅝
Gen Motors	48⅝	47⅛
Gen Reinsurance	129⅛	129⅝
Gen Signal	31⅛	32
Genuine Parts	36⅝	36⅝
Georgia Pac	62⅝	62⅝
Gillette	51⅝	51⅛
Glaxo ADR	15⅝	15⅝
Goodrich (BF)	48	46⅛
Goodyear Tire	42	42
Grace (WAR)	39⅛	38⅝
Gt Atl Pac Tea	30⅛	30⅝
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	17
Halliburton	39	38⅝
Harcourt General	38⅝	37⅛
Heinz (HJ)	34⅛	34⅝
Hercules	82⅛	82
Hershey Foods	46⅝	46½
Hewlett Packard	73⅝	71¼
Hilton Hotels	43	43
Home Depot	46⅝	46⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅛	19⅝
Honeywell	35⅝	35⅛
Household Intl	76⅝	76⅛
Houston Inds	45⅝	46⅝
Humana	11⅝	11¼
ITT Corp	90⅝	90⅝
Illinois Tool	37	36⅛
INCO	21¼	21⅝
Ingersoll Rand	34⅝	34⅝
Inland Steel	26⅛	26
Intel Corp	58⅛	57⅝
IBM	43⅝	43⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅝	112⅛
Intl Paper	66⅛	66
James River Va	20⅝	20⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	36⅝	37⅛
K Mart	21⅝	21⅝
Kellogg	48⅛	48⅛
Kerr-McGee	53⅛	53⅛
Kimberly-Clark	46⅝	46⅝
Knight-Ridder	54⅝	54⅛
Lilly (Eli)	44⅛	45⅝
Limited Inc	21⅛	20⅝
LIN Brdcstng	102⅝	103
Lincoln Nat	43⅛	43⅛
Litton	67⅛	66⅛
Liz Claiborne	23⅝	23⅝
Lockheed Corp	63	62⅛
Louisiana Pac	33⅝	32⅝
MCI Commun	28⅛	28⅝
Marriott	27⅝	27⅝
Marsh & McLnn	88⅝	88⅛
Masco Corp	28⅛	29⅛
May Dept St	42⅝	42⅝
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15⅝
McCaw Cellular	49⅛	49
McDonalds	51⅛	51½
McDonnell D	86⅛	85⅝
McGraw Hill	66⅝	65⅝
Mead Corp	44⅛	44⅛
Medtronic	60⅛	60⅛
Mellon Bk	57⅝	56⅝
Melville Corp	44⅛	45⅝
Merck Inc	30⅛	30⅝
Merrill Lynch	89⅝	88⅝
Minnesota Mine	106⅝	107
Mobil Corp	73⅝	72⅝
Monsanto	59⅛	59⅝
Morgan (JP)	72⅛	71¼
Motorola Inc	97⅝	96⅝
Natl Medical	11⅝	11⅛
Natl Semi	18⅛	18
Natl Service Ind	26⅛	26⅝
Navistar Int	25⅝	25⅝
NBD Bancorp	33	33
NY Times A	25⅝	25⅝
Newmont Mng	53⅛	52⅛
Niag Mohawk	24⅛	24⅛
Nike B	55⅛	55⅝
NL Industries	5⅝	5⅝
Nordstrom	28⅝	28⅝
Norfolk Sthrn	63¼	63¼
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅝
Norwest Corp	26	25⅝
Nynex Corp	89⅛	88⅝
Occidental Pet	20⅝	20⅛
Ohio Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Oracle Systems	53⅝	53⅝
Oryx Energy Co	20	20⅝
Owens Corning	41¼	40⅝
PNC Financial	29⅝	30
PPG Industries	70	69⅝
Paccar Inc	63⅛	63
Pacificorp	18⅝	19
Pac Enterprises	25⅝	25⅛
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅝	34⅛
Pac Telesis	48⅝	48⅝
Pall Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Panhandle East	25⅝	26
Paramnt Comm	52⅛	52⅝
Parker Hannifin	33⅛	32⅛
Penney (JC)	44	43⅝
Pennzoil	66⅛	67⅝
Pepsico	37¼	36⅝
Pfizer	59	59⅛
Phelps Dodge	47⅝	46⅝
Philadel Elec	32⅝	32⅞
Philip Morris	47	47⅝
Phillips Pet	30⅝	30
Pitney Bowes	43⅝	42⅛
Polaroid	38	38⅛
Price Co	32⅛	33
Primerica	56⅝	55
Procter & Gmbl	47⅛	47⅝
Pub Serv E & G	35⅛	35⅝
Quaker Oats	64⅛	63
Ralston Purina	37⅝	37⅝
Raychem Corp	37⅝	37⅛
Raytheon	60⅛	60⅝
Reebok Intl	25⅝	25⅛
Reynolds Metals	50	49⅛
Roadway Srvs	60	60
Rockwell Ind	35⅝	35⅝
Rohm & Haas	51⅝	51⅝
Royal Dutch	95⅛	99⅛
Rubbermaid	30⅝	30⅛
Safeco Corp	61⅛	62⅛
St Paul's Cos	90⅝	90⅛
Salomon Inc	44½	43¼
Santa Fe Pac	17⅛	17⅝
Sara Lee Corp	22	21⅝
Scecorp	24½	24⅝
Schering Plough	60⅝	61⅝
Schlumberger	61¼	61⅝
Scott Paper	33	32⅝
Seagram	25⅛	25⅝
Sears Roebuck	54⅝	55
Shell Trans	58	57⅝
Sherwin Wlms	32	31¼
Skyline Corp	19	18⅛
Snap-On-Tools	43⅝	43
Southern Co	42⅝	42
Sthwestern Bell	40⅛	40⅝
Sprint Corp	35⅝	35⅛
Stanley Works	42⅝	42⅛
Sun Company	26½	26⅝
Suntrust	45⅛	45⅝
Supervalu	36⅝	36⅝
Syntex Corp	17⅝	17⅝
Sysco Corp	28⅝	29
TRW Inc	65⅛	65⅝
Tandem Comp	9⅝	10
Tandy Corp	30¼	29⅛
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3¼
Teledyne	24¼	24¼
Temple Inland	42⅛	43⅛
Tenneco	49⅝	49⅝
Texaco	62	62
Texas Inst	77½	76
Texas Utilities	48¼	47⅛
Textron	56⅝	56⅝
Time Warner	38⅝	38
Times-Mirror	30⅝	30⅛
Timken	34¼	34½
Torchmark	58⅝	58⅛
Toys R Us	36¼	36½
Transamerica	58¼	57⅝
Travelers Corp	32	31¼
Tribune	50⅛	49⅝
Tyco Labs	40⅛	40⅛
UAL Corp	146⅝	145⅛
UST Inc	27⅝	27⅛
USX Marathon	17⅛	17⅛
Unilever NV	97	96⅝
Union Camp	44¼	43⅛
Union Carbide	18⅝	18⅛
Union Pacific	63⅛	62⅛
Unisys Corp	10⅝	10⅝
USAIR Group	16⅝	16⅛
USF&G Corp	17⅝	17⅝
US Life	42	42⅛
US West	46⅛	46
United Tech	57⅝	57
Unocal Corp	27⅝	27⅛
Upjohn	26⅝	26⅛
VF Corp	44⅝	43⅝
WMX Tech	31½	30⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅝	25⅛
Warner-Lambert	65	66⅛
Wells Fargo	115⅝	114⅛
Westinghouse El	15½	15⅝
Weyerhaeuser	41⅝	40⅛
Whirlpool	64⅛	63⅛
Whitman	14⅛	14⅛
Winn Dixie	67½	66⅛
Woolworth	25⅛	25⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	37⅛	36⅛
Xerox	75	73⅝

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,100	Cadbury	386	MB Cardn	1,200	Scot Power	2,000
Abbey Natl	3,200	Carlton Cm	656	Marks Spr	3,800	Sears	2,700
Alld-Lyons	1,300	Coats Vyla	1,800	NFC	464	Svrn Trent	1,800
Anglian W	1,300	Cm Union	958	NatWst Bk	5,500	Shell Trans	1,400
Argyll Gp	2,100	Courtaulds	907	Nat Power	4,300	Siebe	891
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	De La Rue	247	Nth Wst W	705	SmKl Bch	935
AB Foods	8	Enterpr Oil	284	Nthrn Fds	825	Smith Nph	238
BAA	1,300	Forte	3,900	P & O	539	Std Chand	1,000
BAT Inds	3,900	GRE	1,800	Pearson	849	Sun Allnce	1,200
BOC	1,500	GUS A	159	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	1,500
BP	5,700	Gen Acc	347	Prudential	1,000	TSB	2,700
BT	9,300	Gen Elec	3,100	RMC	83	Tate & Lyle	176
BTR	2,400	Glaxo	2,300	RTZ	1,100	Tesco	6,900
Bk of Scot	1,800	Granada	636	Rank Org	605	Thames W	306
Barclays	3,600	Grand Met	3,300	Reckitt Col	253	Thrn EMI	1,400
Bass	2,100	Guinness	572	Redland	631	Tomkins	3,800
Blue Circle	1,000	HSBC	2,900	Reed Intl	1,100	Unilever	1,200
Boots	2,500	Hanson	4,200	Rentokil	1,400	Utd Bisc	1,600
Bowater	410	ICI	796	Reuters	1,300	Vodafone	9,200
Brit Aero	2,700	Inchcape	1,500	Rothmans	790	Warbrg (SG)	1,000
Brit Airwys	2,900	Kingfisher	819	Ryl Ins	3,100	Wellcome	1,000
Brit Gas	19,000	Ladbroke	2,400	Ryl Bk Scot	819	Whitbd 'A'	1,600
Brit Steel	4,500	Land Secs	1,400	Sainsbury	952	Wlms Hld	3,700
Burmah Cast	74	Legal & Gn	379	Scot Hydro	1,700	Wolseley	41
Cable Wire	1,900	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Scot & New	138	Zeneca	1,600

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3580.83 (+20.40)
S&P Composite	450.95 (+2.27)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Av'ge	20493.05 (+135.11)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7382.22 (-14.55)

Amsterdam:

CBS Tendency	123.9 (+0.5)

Sydney: AO	1844.3 (+2.1)

Frankfurt:

DAX	1872.30 (+2.92)

FT 30 share:	2374.5 (+13.5)

Brussels:

General	6860.63 (+9.59)
Paris: CAC	583.42 (+5.94)
Zurich: SKA Gen	573.40 (+0.60)

London:

FT A All-Share	1480.86 (+6.94)
FT 500	1591.09 (+6.48)
FT Gold Mines	208.9 (+5.5)
FT Fixed Interest	121.44 (+0.26)
FT Govt Secs	100.83 (+0.44)
Bargains	34200
SEAQ Volume	525.3m
USM (Datastrm)	138.28 (-0.18)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 9	August 20	November 11	November 22

Call options were taken out on 9/8/93: Anglo Pacific, Birse Group, Essex Furniture, How Group, Lloyds Bank, Shandwick, Waverley.
Puts: Essex Furniture, Lloyds Bank.
Puts & Calls: Kunick, LIT pref.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 54056	Sep 93	2990.0	3004.0	2980.0	2999.0	6260
	Dec 93	3013.0	3016.0	2999.5	3018.5	319
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 373133	Sep 93	94.23	94.24	94.15	94.16	20311
	Dec 93	94.68	94.71	94.63	94.67	12700
	Mar 94	94.72	94.75	94.67	94.71	3364
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 13654	Sep 93	96.67	96.68	96.67	96.68	166
	Dec 93	96.29	96.30	96.28	96.29	192
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 673679	Sep 93	93.57	93.58	93.49	93.51	24392
	Dec 93	94.15	94.15	94.05	94.06	20566
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 90409	Sep 93	111-23	111-27	111-05	111-15	48779
	Dec 93	110-22	111-00	110-20	110-24	320
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.61	111.63	111.52	111.56	1058
	Dec 93	110.73	110.80	110.73	110.77	131
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 202098	Sep 93	97.26	97.36	97.06	97.11	54459
	Dec 93	97.43	97.48	97.21	97.25	1372
German Gov Bd Bobl Previous open interest: 24801	Sep 93	100.62	100.65	100.46	100.46	1439
	Dec 93				100.61	0
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 3256l	Sep 93	93.13	93.14	92.98	92.98	1616
	Dec 93	94.03	94.03	93.95	93.96	883
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 53388	Sep 93	95.58	95.58	95.43	95.43	15497
	Dec 93	95.80	95.80	95.73	95.73	2251
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 58614	Sep 93	109.40	109.50	109.10	109.29	9662
	Dec 93	109.05	109.05	108.72	108.79	225

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.3 (day's range 81.3-81.4).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for August 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8453-2.8612	2.8453-2.8488	par-¼ds	1/16-⅜ds
Brussels	53.80-54.32	54.11-54.21	15-32ds	30-47ds
Copenhagen	10.2070-10.2900	10.2070-10.2440	6-13ds	15-22ds
Dublin	1.0648-1.0700	1.0648-1.0679	10-16ds	23-35ds
Frankfurt	2.5338-2.5432	2.5338-2.5371	⅛-¼ds	⅜-½ds
Lisbon	259.90-262.20	259.90-261.70	8-159ds	317-418ds
Madrid	208.63-209.80	209.08-209.38	94-113ds	261-310ds
Milan	2392.60-2413.30	2397.10-2401.80	7-9ds	20-22ds
Montreal	1.9286-1.9337	1.9286-1.9307	0.40-0.29pr	0.68-0.55pr
New York	1.4940-1.4980	1.4940-1.4950	0.79-0.77pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.9780-11.0560	10.9950-11.0340	1-¼pr	1½pr-par
Paris	8.8770-8.9170	8.8890-8.9070	2⅝-3⅝ds	4⅝-5⅝ds
Stockholm	11.7720-11.9080	11.7720-11.8110	1⅞-3⅞ds	5-6½ds
Tokyo	156.27-156.71	156.27-156.40	⅛-¼pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Vienna	17.79-17.88	17.79-17.84	⅛-1⅛ds	1¼-3¼ds
Zurich	2.2442-2.2542	2.2442-2.2473	⅜-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4935-1.4961
Australia dollar	2.1959-2.1982
Bahrain dinar	0.558-0.570
Brazil cruzeiro *	113.49-114.77
Cyprus pound	0.7615-0.7715
Finland marka	8.537-8.653
Greece drachma	351.0-358.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.5979-11.6032
India rupee	46.57-47.53
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4455-0.4555
Malaysia ringgit	3.8156-3.8184
Mexico peso	4.6-4.7
New Zealand dollar	2.7234-2.7293
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.547-5.673
Singapore dollar	2.4101-2.4124
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9026-7.0570
S Africa rand (com)	5.0207-5.0264
U A E dirham	5.4305-5.5545

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4673-1.4684
Austria	11.918-11.927
Belgium (Com)	35.997-36.003
Canada	1.2905-1.2910
Denmark	6.8517-6.8557
France	5.9395-5.9410
Germany	1.6943-1.6953
Hong Kong	7.7500-7.7510
Ireland	1.4023-1.4033
Italy	1612.44-1613.24
Japan	104.84-104.89
Malaysia	2.5490-2.5500
Netherlands	1.9068-1.9073
Norway	7.3615-7.3715
Portugal	173.25-173.75
Singapore	1.6105-1.6115
Spain	139.95-140.05
Sweden	7.9979-7.9079
Switzerland	1.5030-1.5037

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 9 Low 6 Week fixed: 6⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝. Sell: 2 mth 5½; 3 mth: 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-6	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝
Interbank:	6⅛-6	6-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

Overnight: open 6, close 7.

Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.04	n/a	3.15-3.14	3.34-3.31	3.60-3.56
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝	5⅞-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993. Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅝-6⅛	6⅝-6⅛	6⅛-6⅝	6⅛-6⅛	7⅛-6⅛
French Franc:	10⅝-9⅝	9⅝-9⅝	8⅛-7⅝	7⅛-6⅝	10-9
Swiss Franc:	4⅝-4⅛	4⅛-4⅝	4⅝-4⅝	4⅛-4⅝	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅝

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.75-381.50 **Close:** $382.35-383.10 **High:** $383.50-384.00 **Low:** $375.00-375.50 **Krugerrand:** $382.00-384.00 (£254.50-256.50)
Sovereigns: Old $90.00-92.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $90.00-92.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $393.25 (£262.60) **Silver:** $4.73 (£3.17) **Palladium:** $139.75 (£93.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	61	71	79½	5½	13½	17½
(*600½)	600	28	37	50	22½	33	37½
Argyll	300	34½	40½	46½	5½	11½	14½
(*325)	330	15½	23	30	17½	24½	28
ASDA	60	-	9	11	-	5½	6½
(*64)	70	-	4½	6½	-	12	13
Boots	460	41½	49	57	7½	15½	20½
(*490)	500	16	27	35	27	34½	39
Br Airways	316	33	40½	-	8½	16	-
(*335½)	345	16	24½	-	21	30	-
BP	300	20	27	32	9	15	18½
(*310)	330	6	13½	18½	27	31½	35
Br Steel	110	11½	16½	20½	6½	10	12
(*114)	120	7	12	15½	11½	15	17½
C & W	900	47½	64½	81	22	34	40½
(*824)	950	22	40	55	49	60½	66
CU	650	-	39	45½	-	30	43
(*659½)	700	-	18½	24½	-	63½	74½
ICI	657	37	54½	-	22	30	-
(*678)	661	22	41½	-	34	42½	-
Kingfishr	632	27	-	-	27½	-	-
(*633½)	650	17½	34	46½	37½	44	48½
Land Sec	600	62½	68	82	5	12	17½
(*645)	650	26	38½	51½	21½	31	37½
M & S	330	36½	41½	48	5	8½	10½
(*359½)	360	15	22½	29½	14½	20½	22½
Nat West	500	19	31	36½	22½	28½	37½
(*502)	550	4½	12½	17½	60½	63	70
Sainsbury	460	28	38½	48½	15½	24	28
(*465)	500	11	21	30	40½	47	50½
Shell	600	50½	59½	64½	7	13½	23
(*644½)	650	15	30½	36½	28½	35½	46½
Smkl Bch	420	41½	51½	60	10½	19	23
(*438½)	460	19½	31	39	29	38½	42
Storehse	200	25	29	32½	4	7½	9½
(*218)	220	12	17	21½	12	16½	19
Trafalgar	101	11	-	-	6	-	-
(*104½)	110	6½	9½	12½	11½	16	17
Unilever	950	47	64	77	25	36	48
(*961½)	1000	23	37	51	53	64½	76
Zeneca	650	26	42	51	28½	36½	51
(*650½)	700	8	21½	29½	64½	70½	82½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	50	60½	64½	4½	13	13½
(*433)	420	29½	40	46½	13	25	28½
Ladbroke	180	26	31½	33	5	9	14½
(*201½)	200	11	18	22½	14	18½	25
Utd Bisc	360	32	43½	46½	11	19½	27
(*393)	390	16	28	31	26	35	43½

August 9, 1993 Tot: 18898 Call: 12078 Put: 6820 FT-SE Call: 2226 Put: 1958
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	50	72	77	1	11	17½
(*806)	800	5	39	46½	7½	29½	37½
Thames W.	500	2½	23½	28½	4½	23	27
(*499)	550	1	6	11½	54	59½	60½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	450	5	28	39	4	17	24½
(*455)	500	1	8½	17½	52	54	56½
BTR	390	14	24½	34	1	12	15½
(*404)	420	1	9	19	19	29	32
Br Aero	420	29	57	72½	1½	23½	35½
(*447)	460	2½	36	53½	17½	45	56½
Br Telcm	420	7	17½	22	1½	18	25
(*426½)	460	1	5	9	36	48	52
Cadbury	460	24	38	50	1	13	18
(*484½)	500	1	17	29	19½	33½	38½
Guinness	460	13	32	46	1½	17½	24½
(*476)	500	1	15	26½	31½	41½	47½
GEC	330	17½	28½	34	1	6½	11
(*348½)	360	1	11½	18	15½	21½	25½
Hanson	240	6½	14½	18½	1	8	13½
(*246)	260	1	6½	10	16	21½	25
LASMO	130	7½	15½	20½	1	8½	12
(*137)	140	1½	10½	16	5½	14½	17½
Lucas	140	9	15	21½	1	9	12
(*149)	160	1	6½	12½	14	21	25
Pilkingtn	140	6	15	17	1	7	12
(*145½)	160	1	6	8	16½	19	24
Prudential	300	31	35	41	1	5	7½
(*330)	330	3	15	22½	4	17	20½
Redland	500	30	46½	58	1	17	24
(*527½)	550	1	19½	34½	25	44½	50½
Royal Ins	317	29½	37½	45½	1	7	11½
(*345½)	346	4	21	28½	4½	19½	24
Tesco	200	16	23	30	1	7	11
(*215½)	220	1	13	19½	7	16½	21
Vodafone	460	46½	61½	71½	1	8	16
(*508)	500	8½	34½	47½	3	22½	31½
Williams	330	7	21	29½	2	18	23
(*335½)	360	1	8½	16½	27	38	41

FT-SE INDEX (*£2983½)

	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100
Calls						
Aug	140	91	47	16	5	2
Sep	154	112	74	44	24	13
Oct	169	130	93	68	43	26
Nov	189	152	119	93	69	49
Dec	-	168	-	108	-	65
Puts						
Aug	2½	4½	13	36	74	124
Sep	12	20	33	53	87	129
Oct	22	35	50	72	101	139
Nov	34	48	67	90	116	149
Dec	-	60	-	100	-	160

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	24	31½	45	5	12	19
(*409½)	420	7	19	27	19	22	34
Amstrad	30	6½	6½	7½	1	2	3
(*34½)	35	2½	4	5	2½	4½	5
Barclays	460	43	53	63½	4	11½	18
(*501)	500	13	30½	39½	16	28	36
Blue Circ	360	17	25	31½	6½	16½	20
(*271½)	280	6½	15½	22	17½	28	31½
Br Gas	300	14	19½	25½	5½	13	17½
(*308)	330	4	8	12½	24½	33	35½
Dixons	220	18½	28½	35	5½	12	16½
(*231)	240	8	18	25	16	22	26½
Forte	200	38½	32½	38½	2	6	9½
(*224½)	220	12½	19½	27	7	14½	18
Hillsdwn	140	15½	21	24½	3	7½	9½
(*152)	160	4½	9	14	12½	18½	21
Lonrho	130	5½	13	16	8½	13	16½
(*126)	140	2½	9	12½	16	19½	23
Sears	100	10½	13	15½	1½	4	5
(*108½)	110	3½	7	9½	5	8	10
Thrn Emi	900	54	82	91½	7	19½	30
(*946)	950	21½	49½	61½	30½	41½	52½
Tomkins	240	10	23	28	6½	13½	17
(*242)	260	4	13½	18½	19½	25	28½
TSB	200	19	26	30	3	7½	12
(*216)	220	6	14½	19	12	17	22
Wellcome	650	41	63	76½	15	36½	46½
(*655)	700	15½	38½	53	42½	65	73

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	500	36	50	62	10½	28	39½
(*517)	550	12	26½	41½	37	59	68½
HSBC	700	42	64½	85	14½	29	51½
(*726)	750	15	39	60	42½	55½	77
Reuter	1500	69½	03½	31½	26½	63	98½
(*1547½)	1550	35	84½	07½	52	90	22½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	12½	17½	20½	4½	10½	12½
(*148)	160	3	8½	12	16½	22½	24½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	18½	22	26	7	12	15½
(*169)	180	8½	12	16½	18	23½	27

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	500	10½	32	41	1	15	22½
(*508)	550	1	11	18	43½	46½	51½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	28½	39½	43½	3	8½	13
(*355)	360	8½	21½	26	14½	21	25½
Scot Pwr	330	11½	20½	25	5	14	18½
(*343)	350	2½	11	-	22	25½	-

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Gold recovered some of its recent losses following early Far East and Swiss based buying. This was more a technical correction than a sign that the bull trend has resumed, but traders are feeling a little better after the weekend. In particular, key players are sceptical about stories that the Bank of France will liquidate some of its bullion reserves to pay for its ERM currency support programme.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	721-720	Dec	808 SLR
Dec	741-740	Mar	818-817
Mar	758-757	May	833 SLR
May	769-768	Jul	865-850
Jul	780-778		
Sep	790-789		Volume: 5927

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1141-1139	May	1108-1103
Nov	1130-1127	Jul	1115-1095
Jan	1117-1115	Sep	1120-1095
Mar	1112-1110		Volume: 5301

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	...
May	unq	May	...
Aug	...	Aug	...
Oct	...		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	269.9-67.6
Spot: 294.3		Aug	374.7-70.1
Oct	266.0-65.5	Oct	365.6-60.2
Dec	265.5-64.5	Dec	267.5-60.2
Mar	267.5-66.6		Volume: 320

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.26	93.74	131.99
(+/-)	+0.35	+1.63	-0.52
Eng/Wales:	73.05	94.04	131.72
(+/-)	+0.40	+1.63	-0.65
(%)	+5.8	+8.7	-8.6
Scotland:	80.28	90.15	135.02
(+/-)	-2.45	-0.83	+0.67
(%)	+25.6	-65.7	-41.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (p/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	102.0	102.0	Jan	101.0	101.0
Nov	103.0	103.0			Volume: 13

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	104.95
Nov	106.30
Jan	108.10
Mar	110.10
May	112.10
	Volume: 145

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.85
Nov	102.35
Jan	103.80
Mar	106.40
May	107.50
	Volume: 82

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	167.80
Oct	169.00
Dec	170.80
Feb	171.50
Apr	172.30
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	65.0
Apr	80.5	81.5
May	unq	92.0
		Volume: 55

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)

Sep	60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Headlines about refinery problems in America helped to advance a quiet market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.50	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.65	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.60	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.60	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	17.95	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (-1)	193 (+2)
Gasoil EEC	157 (+1)	158 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	158 (+1)	159 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	160 (+1)	161 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	157 (-3)	159 (-3)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	unq	Nov	162.75-63.00
Sep	158.50-58.75	Dec	165.00-65.25
Oct	160.50-60.75	Jan	166.75-67.00
			Vol: 17621

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.61-16.62	Dec	17.02-17.09
Oct	16.75-16.77	Jan	17.13-17.20
Nov	16.90-16.94		Vol: 28009

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	182.50-83.00	Nov	unq
Sep	180.50-82.50	Dec	unq
Oct	177.00-84.00		Vol: 137

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1380	1370	1375
Sep 93	1420	1415	1412
Oct 93	1450	1440	1447
Nov 93	1475	1470	1473

Vol: 198 lots. Open int'st: 3063 Index 1335 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1961.0-1962.0	1941.0-1942.0	1006550
Lead ($/tonne)	390.50-391.00	403.00-403.50	117375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	868.00-868.50	883.00-884.00	681350
Tin ($/tonne)	4835.0-4840.0	4885.0-4890.0	7995
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1195.0-1195.5	1217.0-1217.5	809200
Nickel ($/tonne)	4830.0-4835.0	4880.0-4890.0	19500

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US budget is lost opportunity rather than national disaster

The emasculation of the budget is a source of frustration, but the future of the American economy is not bleak, Wolfgang Münchau says



Candid comments: Senator Bob Kerrey from Nebraska

The narrow approval of President Clinton's budget by Congress has at last ended the tedious and repetitive debate in America about taxes and deficits. At least, for the time being, there will be no more talk show hosts trying in vain to explain the difference between "debt" and "deficit", no more panic-stricken callers worried about tax rises that they never have to pay, no more flipcharts, and no more Ross Perot.

The debate about the president's economic plan, which purports to cut the projected accumulated budget deficit by $500 billion over the next five years, was not about a good or bad economic policy, or about the "end of gridlock", as the president proudly proclaimed. It was about the old-fashioned distribution of wealth and power, about who pays and who receives.

One congressman even had the gall to criticise the plan because it actually reduces the long-term interest rate. His point was that his constituents are mainly pensioners, who live off their savings. And so it went on and on. Higher income earners naturally favour spending cuts on social security, while poorer Americans want the middle class to make a "contribution", and everyone claims it is for the greater good of the country. The budget is nothing more than a reflection of who presently wields the power in American society: it is about wealth distribution between young and old, westerners and easterners, employed and unemployed, rural or urban dwellers.

Please spare us the hypocrisy about the common good. Having listened to the debate for the past six months, one comes to understand why economics has got such a bad name, as it fully lives up to its image of the dismal science. Economic forecasters' unyielding belief in the truth of numbers even has mathematicians running for cover, not to mention the many witchdoctors, who are preaching some voodoo theories, about deficits that do not matter, or tax cuts that raise revenues.

The sanest contribution to this tedious budget debate came from Senator Bob Kerrey, the Democrat from Nebraska, who wavered to the last minute, before lending reluctant support to the programme, thereby ensuring its passage. Essentially, his position was one of opposition to the budget. He said he preferred Mr Clinton's original budget, which contained a broad-based energy tax, a far more substantial consumption tax than the laughable 4.3 cents rise in the tax on a gallon in petrol. The original budget proposal thus came somewhat closer to Mr Clinton's campaign promise to change the bias in American economic policy from consumption towards investment.

In his speech on the Senate floor, Mr Kerrey criticised the budget proposals for their failure to cut consumption by more and for taking an easy route by relying on revenue increases, in some cases retroactively applied. In one of the most candid comments from a Democrat on this package, he said: "Our fiscal problems do not exist because wealthy Americans aren't paying enough taxes. Our fiscal problems exist because of rapid, uncontrolled growth in programmes that primarily benefit the middle classes." Americans still live under the illusion that one could somehow spare the middle classes when cutting the deficit. The central problem, simply stated, is that America's middle class is living beyond its means and that there exists no political coalition in America that is prepared to do anything about it.

One of the key problems is that America has a flawed tax system, which is biased in favour of consumption and against income, undoubtedly a reason for the country's propensity to consume what it cannot afford. Congress is not, as yet, prepared to address some of these fundamental issues, although a few Senators are quietly working on a number of proposals, which may, if adopted, eventually shift the burden of taxation away from producers and on to consumers, through, for example, the introduction of a European-style value-added tax at the expense of income taxes.

For the time being, however, gridlock will continue to rule Washington, only dressed up in Clintonite clothes. Last week's two ultra-narrow votes in Congress show that the budget that has emerged, after months of tinkering, is the most in deficit-reduction that America is prepared for at present, except for about $10 billion to $15 billion in additional spending cuts to be announced in a supplementary budget later this year.

The emasculation of the budget is a source of great frustration, not only for Mr Kerrey. It is due not only to Democratic disunity in Congress, but also to the Republican insistence that deficit reduction can be had by unspecified, across-the-board spending cuts alone. The solid opposition of Republicans to the Clinton budget may have hidden their own bitter internal division over economic policy, of which one has heard and read little lately. Republicans may agree on low taxes, but there is always the suspicion that in the final consequence, Republicans would be quite comfortable with a higher deficit if all else failed (which in American politics it usually does). None of the Republican "alternatives" to the Clinton budget even came close to the president's $500 billion target of deficit reduction over five years. The economic voodoo merchants may no longer form the majority among the party's economic thinkers, but they are still the loudest. In some quarters, there is still talk of cutting taxes as a sure way to a lower deficit.

The budget, as it finally emerged, is not a national disaster, as Republicans make it out, but it is still a missed opportunity. It will probably bring down the deficit, though not by $500 billion. Barring some unforeseen disaster, its economic impact should be modest, at least according to most mainstream economic forecasters, who say it will reduce growth by a few tenths of 1 per cent. It will not, as some of the more panic-prone critics contend, throw the American economy back into recession.

Mr Clinton's original budget, which was full of stimulus programmes and investment incentives, would have had a positive growth effect. The spending cuts in the final package will be slightly steeper, but they will bite several years hence, when the economy should be running at higher speed. The negative growth effects of the package are counterbalanced to some extent by the lower interest rates, which reflect expectation of lower public borrowing in the future.

There are no signs of inflation in the American economy, except for the inflated egos in the Federal Reserve. All in all, as far as the macroeconomic policy is concerned, the budget looks neither particular good nor does it look particularly bad, certainly not by European standards. Indeed, most Europeans wish they had the problems of America's middle class, such as having to pay $1.24 for a gallon of petrol, instead of $1.20.

American economic growth is most likely to be quite buoyant in the next few years anyway. Interest rates are already among the lowest in the world, and so are taxes, which one would never believe if one listened to middle class Americans. If Mr Clinton succeeds in the reform of the wasteful health care system and the nation's welfare system, he will also have addressed two of the biggest drags on the budget, and will thus have laid down the groundwork for sounder macroeconomic policies in the future.

With or without this budget, the future of the American economy probably looks better than most critics give it credit for. The reason has more to do with the dynamism of the American corporate sector. Indeed, it would be the ultimate irony if the survival of the world's most capitalist economy depended on the adoption and success of a five-year economic plan.

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TEMPUS

Credit where credit due

STRONG credit figures for June confirm the picture already suggested by retail sales and M0. The British consumer is alive and borrowing. The £213 million rise in net lending, the highest for two years, may have coincided with the start of the summer sales and bargain hunting among consumers, but it still shows that the country has an appetite for debt despite high unemployment, poor job security and the painful experiences of borrowers during the past five years.

Signs of this renewed activity have yet to filter through to banks, who according to their interim figures last week, are generally suffering from static or shrinking assets in their domestic operations. But bank lending is being held back by the small business sector, which has, not surprisingly, become extremely debt-averse in the past three years. Only a fifth of new small businesses now raise a loan, against 40 per cent at the start of the recession. Consumers, by contrast, have lost little of their enthusiasm to borrow, as the latest rise in credit card lending shows.

Renewed activity in consumer credit is still modest. The rise in lending in June does not pose any threat to inflation or the trade balance. The subdued rise in factory prices last month shows there is no threat that inflation will return just yet. But current borrowing behaviour is the reverse of what is needed for an enduring manufacturing-led recovery. Individuals should be cutting their debts, while companies should be borrowing to invest in new plant and working capital. Unfortunately, Britain's track record on inflation and interest rates does not lend either the confidence to behave that way.

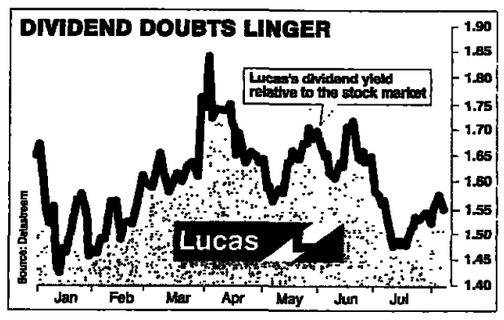
Lucas

CITY opinion is mixed on whether Lucas will hold its full-year dividend of 7p when it announces its results in October. The 5.8 per cent yield on the shares is well over the market average, but not so high as to suggest that a dividend cut is a foregone conclusion.

The determination with which the group has set about its disposal programme may yet save the payout to shareholders. If the group sells its missile casings and aerospace wiring businesses within the next two months, it should just beat its £100 million target. This in turn should keep gearing below 50 per cent, despite the heavy retained loss the group will suffer, thanks to the downturn in the German auto industry.

The zeal with which Lucas seems to be protecting the dividend payment may stem from a fear for its continued independence. The group is mistaken if it thinks it can buy shareholder loyalty like this. Investors are no more likely to stand by a group that has strained its cash balances to keep up the dividend than one which has husbanded its cash through the recession to protect and invest in its operations.

The poor state of Lucas's continental markets provides the group with a perfect reason to reduce its dividend. Whether it takes the opportunity or not, its shares are unlikely to move far until there are signs of solid recovery in European auto production.



Nursing Homes

NURSING homes have been stock market darlings for the past year but the sector has been saved from overheating by doubts about the effect of community care reforms and fears that regular capital infusions will be needed to fund growth.

Despite the spate of building and flotations, the sector is fragmented: market leaders Takare and Westminster Healthcare together control less than 4 per cent. Small private operators still account for a large portion of the non-family care of the nation's aged, leaving room for large professional operators to cream off the most profitable business.

That is the market Westminster is focusing on. The community care reforms allow local authorities to negotiate for the best provision available in the area within their cash constraints but typically their budgets imply a weekly rate below £300. In the private sector, nursing homes can charge 30 to 40 per cent more.

Catering to a rapidly aging population with little sign of improvement in its health, nursing homes that can control costs and finance expansion look set for further growth. Westminster's low gearing of 18 per cent means shareholders should be safe from capital raisings for a year or two but a multiple of 16.5 times forecast May 1994 earnings of over 18p does not allow for any mistakes.

Greene King

BUYING 44 pubs from Bass looks a consolation prize for Greene King after last year's failed bid for Morland. But in terms of today's astronomic prices for pubs, at least this deal does not look too overpriced. Greene King is paying a shade under £400,000 a pub for the package of managed houses. Greenalls recently paid an estimated £700,000 per pub for Devenish's managed estate.

Greene King showed its pleasure by confidently predicting that the new pubs will enhance earnings in the current year, which requires them to have high turnover. Their location in London and Surrey consolidates the group's steady migration westwards and should bring economies of scale. The disposal raises £17.5 million for Bass, a further indication of its determination to reduce debts, which also prompted last week's disposal of Augustus Barnett.

RTZ

RTZ's decision to cut its stake in the Lihir gold project in Papua New Guinea — one of the world's largest untapped gold resources — to less than 20 per cent looks puzzling at first sight. But the sale gives it a superb opportunity to develop this huge gold resource with the minimum risk.

The high cost of developing Lihir made the project's returns look marginal to RTZ, despite its vast reserves. By selling most of its equity but retaining the management contract, RTZ has limited its exposure.

RTZ has good reason to be wary of investing in PNG, where its Bougainville copper mine is still closed after repeated attacks by local residents. The Lihir project is another example of RTZ's ability to expand its interests without stretching its balance sheet.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Slaughtering the law men

A TUSSLE among law firms has seen Slaughter and May top the UK takeover league tables for both public and private work in the first half of the year. The firm was involved in seven public takeover bids valued at £654 million during the period, and advised on 20 private UK takeovers worth £1.71 billion. By far its biggest contribution came from its work for Mercury Communications, which sold 20 per cent of its shares to BCE of Canada for £480 million. In public deals, the firm generally acted for corporate clients, according to a survey by *Acquisitions Monthly*, but the exception was Airtours' failed £283 million bid for Owners Abroad, when it acted for Barclays de Zoete Wedd on the bidding side. Herbert Smith fell into second place by advising Owners Abroad, while Linklaters & Paines romped in fourth, due to its appearance in the opposing camp. Freshfields took third. When it came to firms advising companies only on UK public bids, Herbert Smith regained its crown, moving up from thirteenth position for 1992 to top place in the first six months of 1993, with five deals totalling £471 million. Linklaters was second, with six deals worth £398 million, and Slaughter and May third with four deals worth £312 million.

BA vote winner

VOICES may have been ringing in the ears of Sir Colin Marshall, chairman of British Airways, when he flew to Cornwall yesterday to launch the construction of the UK's newest passenger terminal at Newquay Cornwall airport. Sir Colin, who today announces BA's first-quarter results, flew in a de Havilland Dash 7 repainted in BA colours, the first aircraft in the fleet of Brymon Aviation to get the new look since Brymon became a wholly-owned subsidiary of BA ten days ago. Sir Colin's visit conjures memories of the recent annual meeting at the Barbican in London, during which he was repeatedly harangued by a vociferous shareholder identified only as "the lady from Cornwall". She urged him to visit the region as frequently as possible, and to retire there without delay; a call which Sir Colin has, at least in part, heeded. After unveiling an inscribed two-ton block of rough hewn Cornish granite to mark the development of the new terminal, Sir Colin tactfully commented: "British Airways' name is back in the skies of Cornwall — and we are here to stay." That should win him a few points at the next AGM.

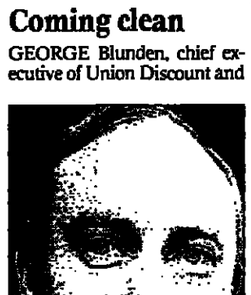
MORE tears at UBS, which has lost Alan Davis to James Capel as a banking specialist salesman. Davis, known as "The Major" thanks to his military roots, spent a brief spell with the Swiss after a period with NatWest Markets.

Jaw jaw . . .

ONE defence company that will not see a sales boost from any escalation of the Bosnian crisis via a Nato strike is Chemring. The reason is partly that the UK group's trailblazing products in the Gulf war — such as anti-missile chaff used by the RAF in the mother of all battles — were so successful that Nato forces are pretty well stocked up with them already. Philip Billington, the tactful chairman, said: "It would not mean anything appreciable in sales for us for that reason but, then again, we don't particularly want to benefit from what is happening in that region." He also refuses to be hasty on the sizable acquisition flagged as a strategic aim at the time of the good interim trading results in June. Billington, whose acquisition calculator is zeroing in on something in the £10 million to £20 million range, says: "We are currently looking at three or four companies, and I would be disappointed if there was nothing to report in nine months time, but we will not be rushed."

Coming clean

GEORGE Blunden, chief executive of Union Discount and son of the former deputy governor of the Bank of England, insists he was not airing his dirty linen in public yesterday when he popped over to Dalston Lane in Hackney, north east London, for the official opening of . . . a laundrette. His actions appeared mildly unusual, coming as they did on a day that saw the resignation of George Lynn, his finance director, and the appointment of a new managing director. Blunden denies that laundrette openings are a part of the day-to-day responsibilities of the head of a City discount house. But it is one of his duties as chairman of the Southern Housing Group, the south east of England housing association.



Blunden: wash day

In the frame

MORGAN Grenfell, the merchant bank, has stumped up £100,000 to fund publication of an illustrated catalogue for the National Gallery, which will include illustrated lists of all the pictures in the NG's vast collection. It will be a while before Morgan sees a return on this venture. So comprehensive is the catalogue that it is not due out until next autumn.

TELEPHONE callers to SG Warburg Securities had a little trouble getting through to the equities desk yesterday morning. It seems that a power failure had taken its toll: and Warburgs could neither update prices, nor connect anyone to its London equity dealers. And this was the broker that masterminded the BT3 share issue . . .

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Change hourly rates to success fees for better deal from insolvency staff

From Mr P. E. Shirley

Sir, There has been much publicity recently over the level of insolvency fees.

Since auditors dominate the insolvency market and an administrator or liquidator cannot be appointed if the firm has previously been the auditor or provided other services, it is questionable whether there is sufficient competition in the market for insolvency services.

The high fees are not so much caused by the hourly rates which have generated considerable criticism, but by the large number of hours worked. There must be a suspicion that insolvency experts are generating unnecessary work for themselves and for their junior staff who have not been so busy on the audit side.

The interests of creditors and, in the case of Maxwell, of pensioners might be better served if insolvency practitioners were remunerated on the basis of a percentage of assets realised, which used to be the case. Whilst such a basis could generate large profits for insolvency practitioners, it would at least mean that practitioners did not get their money before creditors and would encourage them to conduct insolvencies more expeditiously.

Yours faithfully,
P. E. SHIRLEY,
24 Lime Street,
EC3.

Dividend fear for small investors

From Mr J. E. Hok

Sir, Public companies constantly offer their shareholders the opportunity to elect to receive dividends in the form of new shares in lieu of cash.

It is not difficult to see the reasons behind this from the companies' point of view. The offers are always accompanied by an exhortation to shareholders to consult their stockbrokers or other professional advisers.

My own experience in consulting my stockbroker and accountant has always resulted in advice along the lines of "don't touch it with a barge pole ... it will ultimately cost more in fees to sort out the income/capital situation at the end of the day than it will ever be worth ... it just makes for extra work and potential muddle." The advice I receive may well be correct for a small shareholder, but may not be so for the big fish.

My concern is: will the benefits to the companies and to the major shareholders be such that the offers will become so weighted in favour of taking shares in lieu of cash that the small shareholders (a breed that the government wishes to foster) will be left behind if they do not fall in line?

Yours faithfully,
J. E. HOK,
Middle Old Park,
Nr Farnham,
Surrey.

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Small societies will continue to flourish

From the Director and Chief Executive, The Ecology Building Society

Sir, Following the announcement of the proposed merger between the Leeds and the National & Provincial building societies, you comment that "the consumer's choice . . . is in long term decline".

This may well be true as far as the main High Street giants are concerned but I feel that there will still be a strong place for regional, local and specialist societies.

In our own case, we have shown through our specialist standpoint that we can produce high percentage increase figures for both growth and profits.

It may be that the major lenders do not have much to differentiate themselves from each other — again reducing consumer choice — and that more of the larger organisations may have to go down the merger trail.

I believe that there will always be a place in the market for those more enlightened financial organisations with an individual flavour like the Ecology and the many societies with local identity.

Yours faithfully,
BOB LOWMAN,
Director and Chief Executive,
The Ecology Building Society,
18 Station Road,
Cross Hills,
near Keighley,
West Yorkshire.

From the Chairman of the Building Societies Members' Association

Sir, The Leeds Permanent and the National & Provincial building society bosses and City commentators seem to think that the proposed society merger is a good idea.

It is a spivvish Arthur Daley deal. It is bad enough that people lose their jobs when businesses go bust. Here 1,600 face redundancy in the lust for greater profit.

The Building Societies Commission should veto the merger as against the public interest.

Societies are supposed to be mutual — to work for the benefit of lender-members and borrowers.

Your newspaper has chronicled the iniquities of the banks, a handful of which dominate the market.

Big is not beautiful. Choice is paramount. Economies of scale be blowed, the consumer is always the loser when Big Business pounces greedily.

Yours faithfully,
JIM FRENCH,
Chairman,
The Building Societies Members' Association,
11 Oakley Road, SW16.

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	410	+8	11.5	3.5	15.6
276	179	Allied Irish	276	+11	...	4.1	14.1
183	130	Aus New Z	180	-1	...	5.0	...
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	3062½	+43½	...	...	...
246	177	Bk of Ireland	246	+6	...	5.5	18.1
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
165	116½	Bank Scotland	165	+4	4.5	3.5	32.9
510	362	Barclays	502	+4	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	19½	Carlisle	19	...	...	...	...
528	395	Cater Allen	522	...	27.0	6.4	...
133	85	Cattles	133	...	...	3.9	17.7
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2250	+6½	...	...	...
2237½	1343½	Citicorp	2206½	-6½	...	...	...
409	250	Close Bros	409	+12	...	2.9	18.2
£130¾	9275	Commerzbk	£130¾	+62½	...	3.0	...
£308½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£308½	+521½	...	1.9	...
94	45	First Nat Fin	89	+3	...	0.7	...
1634	876	Fuji Bank Y	1614	+6	...	0.3	∞
468	343	Gerrard Nat	468	+2	21.5	5.7	12.4
726	490	HSBC	725	+11	19.0	3.3	17.3
707	474	HSBC HK	707	+12	19.0	3.4	16.9
382	241	Hambros	382	+2	14.0	4.6	17.6
363	313	Joseph (L)	348	...	16.6	6.0	...
155	96	King Shaxson	140	+2	9.0	8.0	...
493	312	Kleinwort Ben	492	+3	16.0	4.1	16.9
591	492	Lloyds	546	-1	18.4	4.2	15.6
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	87	...	3.0	4.3	17.2
481	322	Nat Aust Bk	473	...	...	4.3	16.4
512	398	Nat West	503	+5	17.5	4.4	30.2
421	270	Provident	419	+2	11.4	3.4	18.1
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	298	...	8.8	3.7	...
1188	467½	Schroders	1188	+5	...	1.2	23.7
900	576	Stand Chart	896	+12	20.0	2.8	...
217	145½	TSB	216	+2	6.4	3.8	...
185	78	Union Disc	185	+7	...	...	...
795	529	Warburg SG	793	+11	...	3.0	20.0
275	165	-do- 6% 'A'	275	+3½	...	2.7	...
7850	4247½	Wells Fargo	7650½	+56½	...	1.4	...
185	121	Westpac	182	-1	...	4.2	...
253	188	Wintrust	245	+5	9.3	4.9	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	601	+4	...	4.4	16.2
647	441	Bass	479	-3	18.9	4.9	10.4
294	184	Boddington	266	-1	7.3	3.4	15.5
430	362	Bulmer (HP)	430	...	...	3.0	18.8
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	144	...	4.7	4.1	12.0
381	261	Devenish (JA)	381	+4	7.8	2.6	21.5
105	75	Eldridge P 'A'	105	+2	...	3.9	27.8
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	54	-½	...	5.0	7.5
405	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	395	...	7.4	2.3	16.9
480	383	Grand Met	433	+14	12.3	3.6	14.3
427	347	Greenalls Grp	367	+2	11.7	4.0	12.2
563	505	Greene King	557	+2	...	2.8	15.7
516	437	Guinness	477	+7	...	3.1	17.0
281	230	Hardy Hansn	245	...	7.9	4.0	13.6
125	105	Heavitree	115	...	3.0	3.3	27.4
347	255	Highland Distl	347	-1	6.0	2.2	23.1
3138	2538	Holt J	2925	...	41.0	1.8	19.1
38	33	Hoskins Brew	36	...	...	...	40.3
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	283	...	...	3.1	16.2
196	157	Macallan-Glen	161	...	0.9	0.7	36.2
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	378	-12	...	2.9	18.0
855	655	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
293	231	Mrston Thmp	276	+1	...	2.4	16.7
432	329½	Matthew Clark	430	...	...	5.0	∞
300	253	Mrrydwn W	294	...	7.0	3.0	∞
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount	10½	...	...	2.1	18.2
167	145	Regent Inns	167	...	...	3.4	16.7
975	753	SA Breweries	906	-2	...	3.0	15.0
482½	408	Scot & New	458	+9	...	4.6	14.2
225	161	Taunton Cider	204	...	6.0	3.7	16.7
248	213	Vaux Group	239	-3	9.3	4.9	16.5
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	276	...	...	2.2	22.3
521	435	Whitbread 'A'	520	+13	...	4.3	14.0
1160	850	-do- 'B'	1158	...	...	1.9	29.1
613	485	Wolvrhmptn D	531	...	11.4	2.7	14.9
515	475	Young 'A'	475	...	14.5	3.8	19.6

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	9.7	∞
27	13	Albrighton	17	...	...	...	...
123	97	Allen	114	...	...	5.5	28.8
99	65	Amec	99	+6	3.0	3.8	18.3
12	4	Anglia Sec	9½	-2½	...	...	...
247	155	Ashtead	247	+1	4.5	2.3	∞
142	101	Attwoods	107	+2	5.0	5.8	15.5
240	180	BPB Ind	237	+3	...	4.0	40.8
89	57	Baggeridge Brk	74	...	3.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	29½	...	0.5	...	...
116	74	Barcom	105	+1	1.2	1.5	19.1
50½	32½	Bardon	46	+3	2.0	5.4	22.7
156	94	Barratt Devs	157	-1	2.0	1.6	17.5
412	305	Bellway	411	+1	...	3.6	23.8
33	15	Bellwinch	32	+1	...	...	...
422	295½	Berkeley Gp	415	+2	...	1.8	26.0
101	45	Bett Bros	101	+2	...	0.6	4.1
63	36	Blockleys	51	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
273	189	Blue Circle	272½	+3½	...	5.2	...
286	230	Boot (Henry)	276	...	5.9	2.7	15.4
106	78	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
121	82	Br Dredging	115	...	5.2	5.7	25.5
93	45	Brit Fittings	68	...	1.5	2.8	...
151	99	Bryant	142	+½	4.8	4.2	30.4
81	57	CALA	76	...	2.3	...	...
286	205	CRH	283	-2	...	3.3	18.0
43	21	Cakebread Rby	21	...	...	...	...
45	23	Costain	35	+½	...	...	...
138	86½	Countryside	126	-1	...	4.1	33.3
75	36	Crest Nicholson	63	...	0.0	...	...
44	23	Cussins	34	+1	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunton	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	17	...	0.5	3.7	...
260	178	Epwin	256	+1	6.8	3.3	21.7
51	32	Erith	44	...	0.3	1.0	...
441	252	Eve Group	428	...	...	2.9	∞
6½	3½	Explaura	3½	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp	129	...	...	4.8	20.5
50	38	Galliford	41	...	4.3	...	16.5
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
935	695	Gleeson (MJ)	910	...	12.7	1.8	14.8
128½	90	Hewden-Stuart	128½	+3	...	3.2	29.2
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.5	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wlm	307	+2	12.5	5.1	...
109	37	Higgs & Hill	93	+1	2.5	3.4	...
35	26	How Gp	29	+1	...	6.5	...
20	15	Howard Hldgs	19	...	0.5	3.3	...
70	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
290	196	Laing (J)	280	+2	9.0	4.0	11.2
115	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	115	+½	...	7.0	...
90	55	Ln Clydeside	90	+5	4.5	6.3	13.9
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	14½	...	...	...	...
320	240	Manders	316	...	9.0	3.6	19.4
146	93	Marley	148	+3	4.2	3.5	43.4
96	61	Marshalls	95	-1	...	5.3	65.4
175	122	Maunders (J)	160	+1	4.9	3.9	14.7
214	96	McAlpine (A)	205	+2	6.5	4.0	35.5
40	23	McCarthy & S	34	...	0.5	...	...
398	272	Meyer Int	368	+2	...	3.4	36.9
129	62	Mowlem (J)	116	+2	4.0	4.3	...
109	51	NSM	108	...	...	...	...
53	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
169	106	Newman Tnks	168	...	...	5.9	22.4
300	197	Persimmon	269	+1	8.6	4.0	27.4
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	28.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	127	...	3.4	3.3	...
6½	3½	Quiligotti	3½	...	...	...	...
815	555	RMC Gp	799	...	...	3.1	31.4
117	75½	Raine Ind	83	...	6.0	9.0	13.9
33	20	Ramus	22	...	...	...	...
530	402	Redland	530	+4	25.0	5.9	30.8
79	64	Roskel	77	...	4.3	7.0	11.3
296	207	Rugby Group	275	...	6.4	2.9	21.1
42	23	Srflo-Rvea	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	107	-2	...	4.7	18.6
183	86½	Sheffield Insl	183	...	...	3.7	44.9
124	82	Sherriff Hldgs	124	...	...	2.0	18.5
95	56	Shorco	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	196	Smart (J)	215	...	8.5	4.9	9.8
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	...	0.3	10.7	∞
151	103	Tarmac	149½	...	5.5	4.6	...
194	137	Tay Homes	153	...	5.8	4.8	9.8
120	62	Taylor Woodrw	119	+1	1.0	1.1	...
619	433	Tilbury Dougls	584	...	33.0	7.1	19.0
39	19	Torex Hire	35	...	...	...	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	238	+1	8.0	4.2	41.9
40	30	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26	...	...	1.2	...
74	41	Vibroplant	74	+7	2.5	4.3	26.2
65	20	Ward Hldgs	52	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	30	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wescol	22	...	...	...	...
152	90	Westbury	145	...	5.0	4.3	22.6
12	4½	Wex Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	419	-2	8.7	2.6	28.7
205	147	Wilson (C)	186	...	3.9	2.6	32.2
190	104	Wimpey G	185	...	...	3.5	...
47	25	YRM	34	...	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	590	+20	...	...	...
238	198	Adam & Harvey	205	...	12.0	7.3	∞
92	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	8.0
56	37	African Lakes	50	-1	2.0	5.0	...
178	125	Auto Sec	159	+1	...	4.2	28.5
137½	84	BET Ord	136	-½	...	3.0	5.5
93	41	BNB Res	90	...	4.9	6.8	...
318	259	BPP	294	...	8.0	3.4	16.2
265	195	Barbour Index	198	...	8.0	5.1	∞
22	15	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	229	...	...	2.2	19.1
26	11	Broadcastle	25	...	...	...	19.9
73	54	Brooks Service	60	...	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	95	...	2.8	3.8	∞
178	139	Capita Group	161	...	...	1.6	25.0
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	...	...	2.4	16.1
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	19½	-½	...	...	...
36	26	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
348	226	Chubb Sec	337	...	...	1.8	20.9
96	18	Comac	84	-1	...	2.2	21.0
30	6½	Corp Services	28	...	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnslig	49	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	110	...	3.3	3.8	14.9
235	198	Davis Service	235	+2	...	4.2	17.7
104	95	EW Fact	91	...	4.3	5.9	10.4
28	11	Gardiner	27½	...	0.6	...	18.9
249	215	Hays	243	+1	4.6	2.4	23.9
221	174	Hogg Robinsn	221	-1	...	3.7	16.1
70	36	Holmes Protectn	37	...	...	...	2.4
193	127	Hunting Whamp	189	-4	...	2.5	16.1
3162	1955	ISS B Dkr	2062½	...	...	5.1	2.7
577	519	Inchcape	563	-1	...	3.1	19.5
863	669	Johnson Clean	820	...	25.7	3.9	17.9
12	2½	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
250	173	Mitie Gp	250	+9	3.5	1.8	∞
1167	993	Manpower	1036	+6	...	...	...
52½	40	Michael Page	52½	...	1.8	4.3	22.3
279	186	Pertna	189	...	...	0.6	7.1
4	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	125	+5	...	12.0	6.9
425	337	RCO	348	+11	12.8	5.1	11.8
118	100	REA	100	...	4.0	5.0	...
103	43	Read Executive	98	...	...	...	...
154	110	Reliance Sec	115	+5	...	5.0	∞
238	179	Rentokil	203	-2	2.3	1.4	25.5
263	230	Rolfe & Nolan	223	...	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	363	+1½	...	2.7	19.9
55	26	Scott Pickford	34	+7	...	2.9	10.8
343	164	Securiguard	339	...	...	4.2	18.0
6	5	Select Appts	5½	...	...	...	...
995	695	Serco Gp	995	+2	14.0	1.8	27.5
152	135	Sherwd Cmptr	144	...	...	6.1	4.2
130	90	Skotchley	97	-1	...	3.9	22.2
355	310	Warner Howrd	328	...	6.5	2.5	17.1
45	37	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	23½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
244	210	Allied Colloids	246	+2	...	2.2	21.7
839	613	Amersham	817	-1	...	2.1	28.3
7	1½	Anglo Utd	1½	...	...	...	...
£102½	8325	BASF DM	£100	...	...	3.2	...
283	199	BTP	278	+6	...	4.2	19.1
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£115½	...	...	4.8	...
178	134	Blagden	156	...	9.5	7.6	16.8
165	93	Brent Chems	116	+5	...	8.0	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	345	...	...	...	...
29	12	Caird Gp	13	-1½	...	12.8	36.1
153	126	Canning (W)	129	...	7.2	7.1	14.8
609	504	Courtaulds	584	+5	...	3.0	15.5
295	228	Croda	291	+1	...	3.3	19.0
149	121	Doeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209	...	7.0	4.2	∞
33½	15½	Euro Colour	33½	...	0.8	3.0	20.5
309	259	Halstead (J)	309	...	...	2.4	15.5
241	187	Hickson	190	-4	...	5.3	17.6
£114½	8650	Hoechst	£107½	-50	...	3.3	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	211	...	...	2.2	19.4
710	608	ICI	678	+2	...	5.1	...
668	576	Laporte	630	+5	19.5	3.9	17.4
223	181	Leigh	203	+2	...	5.0	19.1
97½	35	MTM	48	+1	...	...	...
1800	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1800	+12½	...	1.6	25.6
453	370	Paterson Zoch	453	...	11.4	3.2	19.5
407	360	-do- 'A'	406	...	11.4	3.5	17.5
296	225	Plysu	225	-1	...	3.9	14.7
244	173	Porvair	244	+1	3.6	1.8	26.1
14	7	Sutcliffe Speak	13½	...	...	...	...
475	412	Wardle Storeys	413	...	16.0	4.8	16.6
490	395	Wlsnhlme R	480	...	17.0	4.4	16.4
401	330	Yorks Chem	364	...	...	2.7	18.8
306	238	Yule Catto	257	...	5.9	2.9	15.7
667	593	Zeneca	690	-6	...	5.4	37.8

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	60	...	...	6.3	...
87	42	Amber Day	68	-3	3.1	5.7	18.6
340	257	Argos Plc	337	...	...	2.6	28.8
25	12	Ashley Group	16½	...	...	4.3	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	108	-1	0.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	293	...	5.1	2.2	20.3
134	94	Austin Reed	118	...	...	2.6	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	100	+1	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	265	...	...	0.9	31.7
35	22	Blacks Leis	29	-2	2.2	10.2	...
227	133	Body Shop	218	...	...	1.0	28.1
15½	11½	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.6	7.7
401	318	Brown (N)	381	+3	...	2.3	22.4
87½	64½	Burton	78½	...	...	3.2	...
145	126	Cantors	142	...	...	2.4	18.9
360	295	Church	343	...	12.5	4.6	30.5
183	97	Clinton Cards	162	+4	4.2	3.3	19.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	244½	-2½	...	3.7	28.8
112	78	Colourvision	96	...	5.6	7.5	16.7
680	374	Courts Furnish	672	...	5.5	1.0	8.4
155	115	Crown Eyes	140	...	...	6.5	∞
121	89	Dairy Farm Intl	118	-3	...	2.9	18.8
79	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	79	...	1.0	1.6	25.4
281	189	Dixons Grp	231	-5	...	3.4	...
413	320	Dunhill	362	+6	8.1	2.8	14.1
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	505	...	16.0	4.1	16.9
155	71	Essex Furn	155	+2	...	2.2	26.3
257	203	Etam	257	+2	6.9	3.4	23.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	608	+4	12.7	2.6	19.9
90	26	Fired Earth Tiles	37	...	...	...	...
543	498	Forminster	538	...	14.0	3.3	∞
138	24	French Conn	119	+7	...	...	...
68	43	Gent SR	67	+1	2.0	3.7	19.7
90	23	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	0.3	0.7	...
3625	2400	GUS	3613	+13	...	1.5	28.3
2013	1563	-do- 'A'	2010	+25	...	2.8	15.6
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hanstone	30	...	...	5.9	...
29½	20	Helene Plc	24	...	2.0	10.5	11.3
71	29	Heritage	71	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	71	...	...	1.8	10.1
123	63	Jacques Vert	123	...	3.0	3.1	∞
690	496	Kingfisher	634	-2	...	2.7	20.8
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	70	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	575	+7	7.2	1.6	67.7
320	241	Lloyds Chem	269	-5	5.5	2.6	10.6
152	120	MFI	147	...	...	3.2	30.4
365	311	Marks Spencer	359½	+2	...	2.8	19.7
507	445	Menzies (John)	503	...	...	2.7	14.1
225	135	Moss Bros	225	...	5.5	3.1	26.3
205½	139½	Next	205	+2	2.5	1.5	24.5
40	15	Oliver (G)	34	+1	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	303	...	...	4.0	∞
63	44½	Pentos	48	...	1.5	3.9	10.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	215	+5	5.1	3.0	15.3
41½	11	Ramers Group	35	...	...	...	...
35	20½	Rhino Grp	34½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	...	...	2.2	13.2
110½	93	Sears	108	-1	...	4.1	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	467	-3	13.4	3.6	16.5
15	4½	Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
219	176	Storehouse	218	+7	...	2.9	28.1
191	148	T & S Stores	156	...	5.9	4.7	11.6
143	71	Tie Rack	143	+2	1.0	0.9	23.4
220	160	Time Products	213	...	7.5	4.4	18.4
100	63	Usher (Frank)	99	...	...	6.3	7.8
45	27	Vivat	34	...	1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wickes	114	...	...	...	50.6
78	45	Wld of Leather	69	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	183	...	...	2.7	24.2
4	2	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	186	-1	...	3.4	18.7
240	223	Acal	233	...	...	3.4	16.2
162½	38	Acorn Comp	115	...	...	...	58.3
480	385	Admiral	444	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
151	104	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	18.5
48	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	22	Amstrad	34½	-½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holo	68	...	...	...	...
38	13	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
69½	35½	Asiec	69	...	...	...	1.1
293	250	Beales Hunter	258	...	9.4	4.7	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
445	319	BICC	445	-2	19.2	5.4	30.2
575	437	Blick	437	-3	9.2	2.6	17.0
1700	1190	Borland	1250	...	...	...	...
370	274	Bowthorpe	369	+4	0.3	2.2	26.1
445½	376	BT	427½	+3½	...	4.7	19.7
183	150	BT P/P	183	+3	...	4.4	20.9
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11	...	0.1	1.1	...
160	110	Burnfield	136	-2	5.7	5.3	21.5
826	669	Cable Wireless	824	+13	...	2.3	26.5
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	+½	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro	253	...	...	2.1	18.4
115	74	Comptr People	95	-10	0.6	0.9	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	150	+1	...	1.3	15.1
400	243	Critchley	400	+3	...	1.9	∞
551	414	Delta	550	+2	...	3.2	22.6
342	205	Denmans Ele	342	...	...	2.2	14.6
620	395	Domino	405	+9	7.2	3.2	13.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	58	...	2.5	5.4	19.1
1040	865	Druck	1025	...	10.0	1.2	∞
455	358	Electrocomponts	450	-2	...	2.2	18.3
580	470	El Data Prc	550	...	5.1	1.2	15.1
108	43	Electron House	108	...	2.6	3.1	23.3
30½	10½	Emess	24	...	0.1	0.5	...
598	442	Eurotherm	589	+4	8.0	1.7	26.8
154	108	FKI	154	+1	...	2.4	22.5
454	340	Farnell Elect	451	+2	...	1.7	23.9
90	33	Feedback	90	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	12	-½	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	247	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
20	10	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
357½	264	GEC	348½	+5	10.3	3.7	17.5
194	132	Graseby	193	+1	...	7.1	40.6
11½	7½	Graystone	11½	+1½	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
169	83	INSTEM	145	...	...	2.7	10.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	368	...	8.8	3.0	∞
19	8	Kembrey	16	...	0.1	1.2	...
323	260	Kenwood App	305	+1	5.8	2.4	∞
216	47	Kewill Syst	190	-6	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	188	...	5.5	3.7	22.3
60	16	Laser-Scan	36	...	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS	250	-3	...	0.4	35.3
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
179	134	Life Sciences	143	...	3.5	3.1	15.5
269	164	Logica	243	-1	3.6	1.9	28.7
54	44	LPA Ind	47	...	...	9.4	13.3
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	190	...	4.3	2.8	18.1
683	523	Macro 4	661	+6	...	2.4	22.2
645	527	Meiviler-Swe	610	-20	...	2.3	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1830	...	...	...	16.9
222	147	Microgen	147	...	7.2	6.2	10.0
34½	23½	Microvitec	25½	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	508	-1	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	334	+8	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp	126	...	...	3.5	16.0
36	16	Molyn	33½	...	1.3	4.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst	216	...	...	2.1	16.3
165	105	Muirhead Elect	111	-8	3.5	3.9	∞
194	116	Murray Enter	194	+3	1.8	1.2	...
6412½	5225	NYNEX	5900	-37½	...	...	...
188	135	Neotronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
52	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
190	58	Norbain	189	...	...	1.0	14.4
75	30	Northamber	60	-1	0.6	1.3	...
15½	9	Oceonics	11½	+½	...	...	...
284	195	Oxford Inst	283	...	4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Internl	66	...	1.0	1.9	...
81½	29	P & P	70	...	1.4	2.5	36.7
80	35	Peek	71	+1	3.4	6.0	18.5
190	115	Pegasus	174	+2	...	4.6	44.7
9000	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	6.4	...	...
1237½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1237½	+12½	...	...	...
254	211	Phonelink	250	-1	...	...	...
528	343	Plico	524	...	7.7	1.9	44.4
503	303	-do- 'A' Voting	499	...	7.7	2.0	42.3
96	63	Plasmec	78	...	...	6.0	6.6
108	76	Pressac	108	+3	2.4	2.8	21.8
135	93	Psion	93	-7	...	3.4	24.7
251	160	Racal Elect	239	-2	4.2	2.2	14.2
70	45	Radamec	56	...	...	3.3	12.0
70	31	Radius	36	+1	2.7	...	12.4
92	61	Real Time	79	...	...	4.9	∞
35	18	Riva	20	...	...	...	30.8
629	380	Sage Gp	415	-1	9.0	2.7	13.3
342	222	Sanderson Elec	330	...	9.0	3.5	13.6
79	49	Scantronic	79	+3	3.1	4.9	19.9
155	117	Scholes Grp	145	...	5.0	4.3	28.5
371	220	Sema Gp	364	...	2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	40	...	...	3.4	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2875	1737½	TDK	2550	...	...	1.1	31.2
27	4½	TDS Circuits	16	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	153	+3	0.8	0.7	25.2
976	809	THORN EMI	945	-10	...	4.2	19.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	-1	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	65	Total Systems	66	...	3.0	5.7	11.7
453	372	Tunstall	453	-8	6.0	1.7	18.1
278	164	Unitech	272	...	6.1	2.5	∞
11½	6	Verity	6½	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
509	367	Vodafone	509	+13	...	1.7	23.1
445	368	Voles	445	...	17.8	5.1	17.8
26	11	Western Selectn	25	+1	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	250	-1	11.7	6.1	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	389	East Midlands	495	...	...	4.9	9.3
523	399	Eastern Elec	508	-2	...	4.7	10.1
363	304	Hydro-Elect	363	+7	...	4.0	12.9
525	404	London Elect	509	+1	...	4.8	11.3
564	458	Manweb	552	...	...	4.7	8.0
532	424½	Midlands Elec	520	+1	...	4.8	9.3
375	273	National Powr	355	+3	...	3.7	10.6
566½	440	Northern Elec	557	+1	...	4.8	8.0
145	100	Nthn Ireland	142	...	...	4.8	8.8
550	439	Norweb	549	+2	20.0	4.6	9.5
401	273	PowerGen	389	+6	...	3.4	10.3
343	285	Scottish Power	343	+8	...	4.2	12.5
555	436	Seeboard	557	...	...	4.5	9.0
582	464	Sth Wales	570	+1	...	4.9	9.5
532	426	Sth Western	515	+2	...	4.9	12.4
527	406	Southern Elec	518	+2	...	4.7	9.5
562	455	Yorkshire Elec	547	+1	...	4.7	10.3

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	51	Aitken Hume	59½	...	1.0	2.5	∞
106	47	BWD	101	...	...	4.0	15.8
91	26	Baltic Plc	91	...	...	1.4	...
516	413	Caledonia	516	+7	...	3.6	19.2
1500	1075	Camellia	1400	+21½	...	1.1	5.2
293	243	Candover	293	...	10.2	4.4	20.8
132	71	Flexech	132	+2	...	0.5	...
322½	155	Goven	321	+1	...	4.8	0.9
157	125	Ivory Sime	157	+4	...	5.2	14.8
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
220	154	Lon Forfaiting	220	+1	8.4	4.9	15.6
64	47	Manakin	64	...	...	...	...
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
51	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
286	246	Rathbone Brs	286	...	6.0	2.6	17.4
23½	17	Rutland Tst	21½	...	...	4.7	12.8
330	253	S & U	268	...	10.0	4.7	∞
72	48	Singer & Fried	71	-1	2.6	4.6	...
975	713	Sothebys	750	+12	...	5.0	...
152	83	SIP Capital	151	+1	3.0	2.5	60.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2275	1487½	Amer Express	2225	-15½	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	914	+1	...	5.7	21.1
161	92	Invesco	159	+1	...	2.4	...
230	164	Jardine Strat	221	+3	...	3.3	10.9
216	154	MAI	215	+2½	6.0	3.5	15.6
618	389	MAM	618	+9	15.0	3.0	15.4
878	633	M & G	875	...	...	3.1	23.3
293	109	Smith New Crt	293	+4	...	2.6	4.4
81	55	Trio Hldgs	78	+2	...	4.8	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	456	AB Food	496	+4	14.0	3.5	11.4
77½	53	ASDA Group	64	-1½	...	3.2	14.6
280	170	Acatos & Hutch	280	...	6.5	2.9	16.2
76	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	3.7	6.9	11.3
407	287	Argyll	325	-4	...	4.2	12.0
147	117	Assoc Fisheries	144	...	...	7.0	2.9
220	160	Banks (S C)	210	...	9.0	5.4	∞
402	310	Barr (AG)	330	...	6.5	2.5	16.7
85	57	Bensons Crisps	69	...	...	5.2	15.5
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	418	...	...	6.5	43.0
52	35	Borthwick	48	...	...	3.1	59.6
505	430	Brake Bros	501	...	6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	46	...	1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	485	+3	...	3.4	18.0
117	78	Carrs Milling	117	...	3.9	4.2	23.4
196	156	Cranswick	174	+3	...	5.7	13.0
22	8½	Cullens	17	...	0.5	3.7	48.8
384	150	Dalepak	200	+1	6.0	3.8	∞
491	424	Dalgety	481	+6	19.5	5.1	14.0
54	27	Daniels S	52	...	...	0.6	...
200	191	Devro	199	-3	...	3.5	18.9
134	99	Everest	101	...	...	4.3	14.0
344	269	Farepak	344	+6	5.7	2.1	∞
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	70	+1	...	7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
483	328	Geest	387	...	8.1	2.6	17.4
12	7	Global	12	+½	...	5.2	18.7
45	43	Grand Central	44	...	1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	189	-3	...	4.3	10.7
171	131	Hillsdown	152	+2	...	7.2	12.0
250	205½	Iceland Group	225	...	...	1.9	20.1
131	103	JLI Group	107	+2	4.6	5.4	∞
853	655	Kwik Save	682	-1	16.0	2.9	13.1
262	174	Low (Wm)	176	...	8.4	6.0	8.5
59	41	Matthews (B)	59	...	2.2	4.8	38.6
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	16½	+½	1.1	8.7	32.2
174	124	Morrison (W)	150	...	...	0.7	19.5
568	441	Nichols (JN)	543	+3	13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	270	+3	...	3.9	13.4
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fn	11	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	212	+1	...	3.6	12.2
250	205	Park Foods	227	+7	6.0	3.3	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	86	...	...	6.4	9.3
96½	47	Pizza Express	88	+3	...	0.7	50.6
9	1½	Regina Rlhb	6½	+½	...	...	...
584	426	Sainsbury J	465	-6	...	2.7	16.3
86	33	Senny Farm	83	...	...	2.3	14.9
225	99	Sims Food	99	...	...	9.5	19.1
439	357	Tate & Lyle	403	+2	12.0	3.7	12.7
273	195	Tesco	216	+2	...	4.1	10.0
211	123	Thorntons	143	...	3.6	3.2	13.3
183	101	Treatt	150	...	...	3.0	17.0
395	300	Unigate	386	-1	...	5.2	12.7
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	383	+2	...	5.0	18.2
25	20	Usborne	25	...	0.4	2.0	15.4
337	248	Watson & Phil	269	+1	13.3	6.2	14.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	12	Abrdn Stk Ht	12	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	85	...	1.5	2.3	20.5
231	170	Forte	225	-6	...	4.2	17.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	192	-6	5.7	3.7	36.6
11½	5	Harmony Leis	11	...	...	...	...
110½	87	Jurys Hotel	107½	...	...	6.5	∞
215	154	Ladbroke	204	+5	11.1	6.8	17.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	66	-3	...	4.6	18.2
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	17	...	...	6.4	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840	...	7.0	1.0	...
59	34½	Scalds	59	...	...	1.0	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	107	+2	...	10.3	6.5
616	455	AAH	498	+6	...	4.3	16.0
177	140	ADM	172	...	7.5	5.5	∞
132	88	AFV	104	+3	...	6.5	...
233	81	ASW	220	...	...	3.4	...
187	124	Adwest	187	+4	7.0	4.7	26.6
28	10	Aerospace Eng	25	+½	1.0	...	15.2
253	249	Alsprung	253	+12½	...	2.2	16.2
150	113	Alexdra W	149	...	3.8	3.2	41.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
546	415	Alumasc	546	...	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	17	Alvis	40½	...	1.0	3.1	8.3
475	345	Amber Ind	475	...	...	4.9	10.9
43	18	Amberley Gp	41	...	...	3.1	...
107	78	Anagen	88	...	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	84	-1	...	6.5	...
945	703	Antofagasta	905	-20	...	2.2	16.7
50½	37	Armour	44½	...	1.4	4.2	13.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	153	...	6.4	5.2	15.6
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	2.0	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	510	+2	...	4.0	20.3
245	168	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	0.5	15.0
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
61	35	Ayrshire Metal	53	...	...	...	...
177	147	BBA	176	+2	...	5.4	14.8
56	28	BLP Group	46	...	...	...	...
73	13	BM Gp	17	...	5.0	...	0.7
770	635	BOC	714	+14	23.2	4.1	15.7
77½	62	BSG	72½	+½	...	5.5	25.2
487	353	BSS Group	441	+2	...	4.9	26.4
406½	318	BTR	406	+3	...	3.3	23.2
221	155	BWI	173	+3	6.7	4.8	16.7
44½	31	Babcock	43½	+½	...	6.0	26.1
7	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	261	-1	8.9	4.3	18.1
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	625	...	...	5.5	3.5
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62	...	...	2.9	25.4
15	5	Beauford	7½	...	...	...	...
8	6	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15½	Benson Group	16½	...	...	...	...
707	461	Bespak	513	...	0.1	0.8	15.2
133	73	Bibby (J)	94	...	10.0	2.4	∞
312	129	Billam (J)	256	...	9.7	...	5.5
41	21½	Bilston Batsea	32	...	5.0	2.4	12.9
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5	...	...	0.6	...
160	118½	Birkby	160	...	3.5	2.8	15.6
45	32	Black Arrow	37	...	2.6	9.2	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
185	136	Black (Peter)	185	+4	2.9	2.0	19.1
323	129	Bluebird Toys	282	-3	...	2.0	17.6
297½	247	Bodycote	279	...	...	2.2	17.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.3	1.6	∞
563	416	Boots	490	+3	...	3.4	18.2
61	42	Booth Inds	47	...	0.7	1.9	...
517	435½	Bowater	470	...	11.5	3.1	18.6
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1319	-20	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Ind	245	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brasway	15	+½	0.5	4.3	∞
280	204	Brammer	280	+1	13.0	5.8	20.9
22	12	Bridgend Gp	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
119	64	Bridon	107	+2	...	4.7	75.8
98	53	Bridport-Gndry	80	...	4.1	6.4	15.0
42	31	Brierley Inv	40	+½	...	7.9	9.8
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250	...	...	1.2	...
56	42	Br Bloodstock	54	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	501	+1	...	2.5	18.0
115	54	Br Steel	114	+1	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	110	...	...	3.4	30.8
17	11½	Br Thornton	14½	...	...	2.2	...
298	215	Br Vita	253	+2	7.1	3.5	15.6
15½	5½	Brixton Grp	15½	+½	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	676	-1	...	2.7	32.1
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	99	...	...	5.6	12.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	8½	...	...	...	...
70	44	Brown & Tawse	52	...	...	...	...
129	91	Bullough	128	...	6.0	5.9	21.9
26	13	Business Tech	13	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	24	...	1.0	5.2	23.1
25	11	Campbl & Arm	13	...	...	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	30	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	243	...	...	5.4	16.4
245	178	Carclo Eng	242	...	8.6	4.4	17.2
2889	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2550	...	...	2.5	∞
78	65	Cassidy Bros	70	...	...	4.3	11.4
199	158	Castings	198	...	4.3	2.7	14.0
145	115	Chamberlin Hill	140	...	6.2	5.6	8.7
707	605	Charter Cons	693	...	...	4.0	16.3
295	230	Chemring	295	...	...	3.5	17.8
92	45	Chieftain Gp	51	+3½	5.1	...	10.6
35	17	Chillington	35	...	0.2	0.9	...
204	144	Christies Int	183	...	...	1.0	...
61	34	Clayhithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7	...	...	...	...
400	320	Cohen (A)	325	...	0.2	...	...
223	179	Community H	193	...	6.8	2.6	...
246	186½	Concentric	210	...	6.5	4.2	12.0
209	120	Cook (Wm)	199	...	...	3.3	17.7
220	182	Cookson	216	-1	5.0	3.2	11.8
63	38	Copymore	61	...	...	3.5	28.6
238	130	Crmwll Fkr 'A'	152	+1	5.7	4.7	13.0
178	92	Cosalt	111	-2	10.7	...	16.9
224	150	Creighton Nt	177	+5	...	5.2	17.2
48	27	CrestaCare	42	...	0.5	1.5	36.3
3737½	2993½	Dana	3718½	+12½	...	...	...
236	78½	Danks Bs Sys	224	...	...	0.6	21.3
235	193	David Brown	235	+4	...	3.2	16.7
18	5	Davies (DV)	18	...	...	...	...
711	632	De La Rue	682	-5	...	3.1	18.1
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.6	20.7
535	391	Diploma	535	+1	9.7	2.3	27.8
77	50	Dobson Park	73	+1	5.7	...	13.1
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	111	...	5.0	5.6	∞
78	57	-do- 'A'	75	...	5.0	8.3	∞
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
421	367	EIS	397	+6	...	3.9	15.7
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2312½	+34½	...	2.4	...
86	45	Elliott (B)	60	...	...	...	...
474½	394	Eng China Cl	457	+2	...	5.5	25.1
3237½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3050	+100	...	1.0	...
53	32	Eurocopy	45	...	1.6	...	17.5
87	47	Expamet	78	+2	...	5.2	1.8
675	499	Fairey Group	675	+1	10.2	1.9	20.8
95	53	Fenner	80	...	4.2	...	15.1
66	32	Ferraris Group	56	-1	...	2.2	13.1
1½	½	Ferromet	1	...	...	...	...
29	22	Fertum	22	-2	2.3	14.2	15.4
51	28	Fife Indmar	45	...	0.5	1.4	...
251	147	Fisons	169	-3	...	6.4	19.6
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	+3	...	11.0	...
286	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.5	11.9
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38	...	1.5	4.0	27.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	70	...	3.6	6.5	35.1
218	166½	Frost Group	214	...	4.0	2.4	9.0
85	71	GEI Int	74	...	...	8.3	...
503	434	GKN	503	+4	...	5.2	33.0
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Gamon Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	...
160	103	Gestetner	128½	+2½	8.2	8.0	5.6
36	23	Gleves	30	...	...	...	21.7
801	509	Glaxo	516½	-12½	17.0	4.1	14.2
38	16	Glenchewton	29½	-½	...	...	...
316	245	Glynwed	310	+1	11.6	4.8	28.8
110	66	Goode Durrant	110	...	...	6.3	...
134	102	Grampian Hd	126	-1	5.5	5.5	21.9
427	341	Granada	412	+2	7.7	2.3	21.9
407	301	Great Shrne	394	...	...	3.5	16.2
96	78	Green (Ernst)	90	...	...	0.7	12.4
19½	8½	Greenacre	13½	...	...	2.5	13.6
17	8	Guardian Grp	11	...	...	...	...
57	30½	Haden MacLn	52½	-½	...	4.8	18.9
86	44	Hadleigh Inds	78	...	...	0.8	...
235	115	Hall Eng	228	...	8.6	4.7	19.0
271	215	Halma	271	+4	...	1.2	27.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	39	...	1.6	5.1	∞
269½	222	Hanson	249½	+1½	...	5.8	12.6
221	187	Harris (Phillip)	208	...	...	4.1	12.6
194	147	Harrisn Crsfd	192	...	9.0	6.0	27.2
66	38	Havelock Eurn	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	27	...	0.7	3.2	14.2
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	390	...	14.8	4.8	16.8
228	160	Hewitt (J)	230	...	3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	36	+1	1.3	...	...
159	112½	Hill & Smith	159	+2	...	4.4	22.1
10½	6½	Hobson	9	...	...	...	...
144	87	Holders Tech	144	...	...	5.3	18.5
49	30	Hopkinsons	47	...	1.3	3.5	19.4
167	133	Hornby	145	...	...	7.8	13.7
83	54½	Howden	82	-1	2.2	3.4	∞
249	173	Hunting	246	+1	...	5.1	20.8
430	269½	Huntleigh Tec	425	...	...	2.9	10.8
299	247	IMI	299	...	...	4.2	25.5
112	90	ISA Intl	105	...	1.5	1.8	16.3
205	157	Intercare Gp	157	-1	...	2.1	16.6
255	235	Isoron	243	+1	3.9	2.0	15.6
528	360	Jardine Math	525	+11	...	2.2	20.3
537	425	Johnson Math	481	-6	...	2.7	21.1
64	47½	Johnson & FB	48	...	3.0	7.8	14.8
177	104	Johnston	154	...	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	29	-1	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	29	...	0.7	3.2	...
73	26	Kalamazoo	72	+½	2.1	3.6	16.7
178	73	Kalon	159	+½	...	2.5	22.1
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260	...	13.0	...	...
545	485	Kershaw (A)	525	...	27.0	6.4	27.2
235	75	Kleeneze	216	+18	...	...	...
143	61	LOW	141	...	3.0	2.7	11.7
339	266	Laird	339	+2	...	3.9	16.7
155	110	Lilleshall	155	...	4.2	3.4	19.1
153	97	Lincat	150	...	...	4.3	12.9
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	17½	...	...	...	14.4
128	76	Linread	115	...	3.7	4.1	17.8
220	170	Linton Park	218	...	...	8.0	7.9
15½	10½	Lionheart	12½	...	0.2	2.0	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	21	...	1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	199	...	9.4	5.9	15.2
135	70	Lonrho	126	-1	...	4.0	...
372	269	Low & Bonar	371	...	...	3.1	51.6
343	265	MB-Caradon	295	-2	...	3.7	22.8
169½	135	-do- pf	146	+½	7.2	6.2	...
31	14½	ML Hldgs	31	+1	...	...	...
41	27	MS Intl	37	...	...	8.4	38.1
50	34	MY Holdings	43	+1	...	2.8	13.7
210	168	Macfarlane	210	+2	...	1.9	23.8
443	379	McKechnie	443	+1	14.7	4.2	22.0
106	85	McLeod Russel	97	...	6.0	7.7	11.8
10½	3½	Maddox	5	...	...	...	27.3
87	63	Magnolia	87	+2	0.1	0.1	14.0
106	71	Mang Bronze	92	...	1.0	1.4	...
26½	20½	Marling	21½	...	...	3.8	∞
192	124	Mayborn	184	...	...	3.4	15.3
59	29	Mayflower	55	...	...	2.8	45.9
236	97½	Medeva	111	-5	...	2.5	9.0
113	88	Meggitt	112	...	...	4.2	19.1
124	98	Metalrax	124	+4	...	3.7	20.1
76	70	Metsec	76	...	...	1.2	10.6
83	29	Midstates	76	...	0.5	2.6	...
25	14	Mining & Ald	24½	...	...	3.9	11.7
488	368	Molins	450	+2	...	4.9	17.2
345	262	Morgan Cple	322	+1	...	3.7	13.9
183	134	Morris Ashby	183	...	0.7	3.5	36.2
31	18	Neepsend	27	...	3.1	6.9	13.6
60	34	Nestor-BNA	57	...	4.8	3.3	∞
191	122	Nobo Gp	183	-1	...	5.1	25.0
172	122½	Norcros	171	...	...	3.7	14.1
51	35	Novo Group	45	...	...	...	∞
413	310	Nu-Swift	330	...	0.1	0.2	...
54	36	Office Elec Mac	54	+2	1.7	7.1	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	31	...	...	7.1	14.5
140	123	PCT	128	...	...	10.6	...
48	36	Pacer Systems	36	...	...	2.7	15.5
138	101	Pendand	114	+2	4.4	1.4	19.7
387	310	Photo-Me	387	+½	...	3.4	...
146	97½	Pilkington	145½	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
79	68	Plantsbrook	70	...	1.9	1.9	16.6
154	125	Polypipe	128½	...	...	4.3	16.5
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	36	...	...	...	...
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	361	-2	...	2.3	18.8
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.3	8.9
54	33½	RPS Group	50	...	2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	75	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	123	...	...	1.0	41.2
799	636	Rank Org	759	+9	31.0	5.1	20.8
33	23	Ransomes	23	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	595	+5	...	3.4	21.6
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.9
7½	2½	Reece	6½	-½	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	188	...	4.9	3.3	22.6
303	208	Renishaw	255	...	6.5	3.2	19.5
85	55	Renold	85	+1	...	1.5	...
1573	1240	Reuters	1548	+13	21.2	1.7	25.6
38½	24½	Rexmore	38½	...	1.7	5.7	9.5
139	91	Ricardo Group	139	+1	5.7	5.1	39.1
65	58	Richard (Leics)	66	...	4.4	8.3	...
84	63	Richardson West	84	+9	3.0	4.5	21.5
128	109	Ropner	118	...	8.2	8.7	16.7
122	97	-do- 'A'	114	...	8.2	9.0	16.2
38	26	Ross Gp	26	...	0.6	3.1	10.6
182	131½	Rotork	180	-1	...	2.6	20.8
155	89	Rubicon	155	...	...	3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	61	+1	...	2.0	...
29	15	SEP Indl	25	...	...	3.8	22.6
987½	825	SKF 'B'	975	-12½	...	...	...
47	39	Saville Grdn (J)	47	...	2.2	6.1	∞
248	205	Scapa	227	...	...	3.1	17.3
238	192	Scholl	212	...	...	3.7	15.4
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1003	917	Securicor	1003	+13	2.6	0.3	38.2
685	562	-do- 'A'	685	+15	2.6	0.5	26.1
585	465	Security Serv	585	+15	5.0	1.1	28.9
114½	77	Senior Eng	114	...	...	3.5	19.0
361	289	Seton Health	290	...	...	2.5	17.1
68	42	Sheldon Jones	65	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	126	...	3.9	2.9	13.6
344	281	Siddlaw	303	+8	...	4.1	19.4
548	427	Siebe	548	+1	...	2.3	20.0
348	220	Silentnight	348	+3	...	2.9	20.5
124	102	Sime Darby	119	+1	...	3.5	14.6
142	32	Simon Eng	51	...	5.0	12.3	11.7
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	195	...	7.0	4.5	12.6
47	36	Six Hundred	37	...	...	5.9	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	148½	+1½	...	3.9	19.9
513	399	Smithkline	438	-11	8.6	2.5	15.7
450	340	Smithkline Uts	388	-9	...	3.4	13.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	379	...	11.2	3.7	15.5
140	59	Sthn Bus	59	...	3.3	7.2	3.6
410	265	Spandex	390	-3	...	2.1	17.3
650	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	4.0	3.2	10.1
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	347½	...	...	3.3	22.0
145	44	Spring Ram	67	-2	...	0.6	18.3
270	222	Staveley	240	...	...	4.4	13.6
162	126	Sterling Ind	148	...	...	4.7	22.7
26	11	Stonehill	24½	...	...	...	...
177	97	Suter	177	+1	8.8	6.3	18.5
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	341	-1	...	2.6	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275	...	...	4.3	18.3
365	279	TI	365	+7	...	3.1	24.7
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
300	218	TT Group	287	...	6.6	3.0	17.1
249	220	Takare	237	-1	1.8	0.9	19.7
853	618	Takeda Chem	821	-3	...	0.5	21.8
56	24	Tex Hldgs	56	+1	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	94	...	...	7.2	∞
225	150	Titon	215	+2	...	2.1	18.7
271	212½	Tomkins	262	+1	...	3.3	21.9
110½	67	Trafalgar H	105	+1	...	3.8	7.7
579	346	Transfer Tech	523	-2	16.0	3.8	13.2
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	173	...	7.0	5.1	∞
253	214	UniChem	238	...	5.6	3.2	14.4
365	275½	Unidare	365	+17	...	5.9	10.9
76	11½	Unigroup	67	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	982	+2	21.3	2.8	13.1
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	6487½	+34½	...	3.3	10.2
915	513	VSEL	878	-2	...	4.1	9.4
9½	6½	Verson	8½	-½	...	...	...
156	95½	Vickers	156	+1	...	1.2	...
367	263	Victaulic	281	...	...	3.5	13.9
429	283	Vinten	429	+4	...	2.0	20.0
659	427	Vosper Thorny	652	...	...	3.0	15.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	8.1	11.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	404	...	...	6.5	17.3
86	71	Walker Greenbk	84	...	3.1	4.6	21.4
298	201	Wassall	249	+4	2.5	1.3	25.1
37	22	Watford Wdgwd	37	+1	...	...	...
379	291	Weir	379	+7	...	1.9	21.4
993	600	Wellcome	654	-22	11.0	2.5	18.1
23½	19	Wellman	20	...	0.9	5.6	32.6
309	260	West Hlthcare	307	+3	...	1.5	∞
510	460	Wharman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	287	Whessoe	305	...	...	3.3	11.8
64	27	Whitecroft	64	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7½	...	...	...	...
96	44	Wilkes (James)	94	+6	3.5	4.7	27.5
365	295½	Williams Hldg	336	+4	12.5	4.7	17.6
34½	17	Wilshaw	34½	+1	...	1.8	21.5
661	533	Wolseley	640	...	12.5	2.5	22.2
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.2	...
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1681½	+18½	...	3.7	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2109½	+31½	...	3.3	...
47	30	Archer (AF)	45	...	4.4	...	21.9
148	118	Bradstock	143	...	5.1	4.5	17.5
498	359½	Britannic	440	-3	...	3.2	...
661	556	Com Union	660	+7	...	4.6	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558	...	...	1.4	25.7
30	18	FAI	29	...	...	...	...
693	546	Gen Accident	692	+5	26.7	4.8	...
209	160	GRE	205	-1	7.0	4.3	17.0
393	293	Heath C E	393	+3	...	5.1	...
228	166	Hogg Gp	218	...	8.1	4.7	19.8
218	164	JIB Group	212	...	7.5	4.4	21.5
513	408½	Legal & Gen	498	+2	...	4.8	30.3
1092	768	Liberty Life	976	-20	...	3.0	16.9
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	430	-1	17.3	5.0	15.5
334	253	Lloyd Thomp	334	+3	5.6	2.1	24.6
368	274	Londn & Man	348	+2	14.2	5.1	25.6
426	321	Lowndes Lmb	425	...	13.5	4.1	14.9
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5900	-12½	...	2.9	...
97	76	Oriel	94	+2	...	6.6	...
68	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	330	+3	...	4.5	21.9
1138	800	Refuge	960	-5	31.5	4.1	26.6
347	248	Royal	347	+5	...	2.1	...
208	153	Sedgwick	207	...	6.0	3.6	24.9
261	205	Steel Burrill	251	...	...	6.6	14.8
87	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.4
396	307	Sun Alliance	395	+7	14.2	4.5	...
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55	...	...	...	...
321	239	Transatlantic	321	...	12.0	4.7	29.8
773	499	Utd Friendly	634	...	14.5	2.9	27.6
238	171	Willis Corroon	238	+3	...	3.5	51.1
20	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1762	1548	Alliance	1760	+1	45.0	3.2	38.5
264	226½	Amer Trust	262	-½	4.9	2.3	54.4
387	304	Ang & O'Seas	387	+2	6.8	2.2	48.9
139½	124	B2W Conv	135	...	7.8	7.2	15.8
176	137½	Bankers	175	+½	3.4	2.5	48.1
298	264	Baring Tribne	296	+1	6.4	2.7	46.8
181	131	Berry Starq	181	...	2.2	1.5	58.8
107	96½	Br Assets	105½	...	...	5.1	25.8
77½	57½	Br Empire Sec	77½	+1	0.8	1.4	78.7
26½	14	-do- Wnts	26½	...	...	...	...
183	156	Br Inv	181	...	4.5	3.1	40.8
176	130	Contl Asset	176	+1	2.4	1.7	58.5
195	143	Derby Inc	144	...	...	12.4	8.7
270	195	-do- Cap	270	+2	...	...	...
73	62	Drayton Blue	69	+1	8.4	15.2	7.7
76	35	-do- Eng Intl	73	+1	1.2	2.1	...
132	84	-do- Far East	131	...	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	115	...	0.5	0.6	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	626	+2	25.4	5.1	28.8
98	94	-do- Japan	97	...	...	...	...
51	38	-do- Warrants	51	+1	...	...	...
660	513	-do- Wwde	660	+2	9.5	1.8	68.0
277	222	Dundee & Lon	276	...	...	4.1	25.5
290	250½	Edinburgh	289	-1	8.4	3.6	31.6
268	183	Electra Inv	268	+1½	8.7	3.1	36.5
179	141	Electric Gen	178	-1	3.1	2.2	∞
110	85	English Scot	110	...	...	...	...
286	205	European Asset	286	+1	...	2.6	34.9
115	77	Finsbury 'A'	115	+2½	3.0	3.3	37.0
290	248	Fleming Amer	287	...	0.7	0.3	...
212	190½	-do- Claver	212	...	...	3.2	41.8
298	212	Do Cord	298	+1	2.7	1.1	...
193	147	-do- Entp	193	+1	4.7	3.1	∞
304	213	-do- F East	304	+3	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	301	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	99	...	...	5.6	16.9
246	136	-do- Japan	245	+1	0.3	0.2	...
273	250	-do- Merc	273	+3	0.7	3.1	58.4
274	212	-do- Oseas	274	+1	4.0	1.8	65.4
248	203	Foreign & Col	248	+1½	3.3	1.7	67.5
211	164	-do- Eurotst	207	-1	1.2	0.7	...
112	87	-do- German	112	...	0.5	0.6	...
295	191	-do- Pacific	295	+1	1.0	0.8	...
155	116	-do- Smaller	154½	...	1.8	1.5	78.1
256	145	GT Japan	254	+3	...	0.6	...
143	65	Genl Cons Cap	143	+3	...	...	...
123½	96½	-do- Inc	116	+1	...	9.4	11.6
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	136	+1	...	...	...
295	184	-do- Oriental	295	+3	0.9	0.4	...
264	207	-do- Strategy	264	...	...	3.2	36.4
384	340	Greenfriar	384	...	...	2.1	97.7
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	19.5
53	47	Independent Inv	52½	+½	0.6	1.4	∞
135	124	Inv Cap	135	+1	5.1	4.7	27.1
95	77	I&S UK Smlr	94	...	2.8	3.7	26.2
193	158½	Kleinwort Chrt	193	-1	5.0	3.2	37.6
225	176	-do- O'seas	225	+1	3.3	1.8	63.9
127	108	-do- Smlr	122	...	4.0	4.1	29.6
696	540	Law Debenture	656	+2	18.2	3.5	32.5
190	164	Majedie	189	...	4.0	3.1	36.6
263	221	Merchants	263	+1	10.6	5.0	24.4
5925	5700	Merrill Lynch	5918½	+112½	...	...	...
463	383	Monks Inv Tst	463	+1	...	1.8	58.7
129	105	Morg Gren Inc	129	+1	...	4.5	25.6
40	23	Do Warrants	40	+2	...	...	...
51	39	Murray Euro	50	...	0.1	0.4	...
16½	4½	Do Wts	16½	+1½	...	...	...
336	282	Murray Income	336	+1	...	4.0	32.0
319	265	-do- Intl	316	+2	11.4	4.5	28.5
353	263	-do- Small	353	+1	4.2	1.5	∞
103	93	-do- S/C Inc	93	...	...	14.2	9.1
121	73	-do- S/C Cap	121	+2	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2950	...	...	4.5	...
151	142½	-do- S/C DP	151	+1	...	...	...
285	230	-do- Vent	285	+3	...	4.5	22.5
86	36½	New Frontier	85	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nthrop Inc	77	...	6.7	11.0	14.4
327	249	O'seas Inv Tst	327	+3	2.8	1.1	...
402	285	Pacific Assets	400	-1	1.1	0.3	...
305	187	Do Warrants	304	-½	...	...	...
8300	7050	Personal Assets	8300	+50	...	2.4	49.0
156	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	152½	-1½	1.1	0.9	...
124	108	River & Merc	124	+1	9.2	9.4	12.1
403	350	Robeco	403	...	...	3.3	...
403	346	Rolinco	403	...	...	3.0	...
269	214	St Andrew Inv	269	+1	7.5	3.5	38.0
150	131	Scot American	150	+1	...	3.0	31.5
213	136	Scott Asian	213	...	...	...	...
485	225	do Warrants	483	...	...	...	...
76	63½	-do- Eastern	76	...	1.5	2.5	49.9
213	183	Scottish	213	+1	4.6	2.7	44.2
208½	178	-do- Mtge	208½	+1	4.0	2.4	54.1
90	71	-do- Value	90	+½	...	2.5	64.1
1553	1390	Second Allnce	1553	+7	36.5	2.9	41.7
86	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	...	3.2	4.8	28.3
149	109½	Selective Asset	149	...	1.2	1.0	53.6
29½	14	Sphere Inv	29½	...	3.1	13.5	9.3
152	112	TR Far East	152	+2	4.5	3.7	33.1
147½	126	TR City Of Lon	147	+½	4.8	4.1	∞
156	110	TR Pacific	156	+3½	0.3	0.3	...
29½	17	TR Property	29½	+½	0.9	3.8	30.9
79	47	TR Tech Inv	79	...	1.7	2.8	29.3
184	146	TR Smlr Cos	184	+3	3.8	2.6	∞
340	283	Temple Bar	339	...	13.2	5.0	25.2
92	69	Thrntn Asian E	90	...	0.5	0.7	...
72½	54	Throgmorton	72	...	2.3	4.0	29.4
540	363	Throg Dual Cp	538	+5	...	...	...
216	178	USDC Invest	216	+1	4.5	2.6	39.7
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.2
630	542	Whitbread Inv	630	+4	16.5	3.3	37.9
209	181	Witan	208	...	5.6	3.4	36.4

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	376	-3	7.2	2.4	13.3
64	42	Ald Leis	62	...	4.7	...	17.8
357	196	Anglia TV	333	...	...	3.5	15.4
103	63	Baldwin	78	-1	3.0	4.9	10.3
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	229	...	10.0	5.5	14.8
1200	980	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	137	+1	...	3.1	∞
16½	4½	Brent Walker	5½	+½	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scotts	53	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	137	...	...	10.9	...
203	171	Capital Radio	203	+3	5.2	3.3	25.4
818	718	Carlton Comm	773	+9	17.0	2.7	22.8
300	158	Castle Comm	176	...	...	6.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1973	...	38.0	2.4	21.5
83	61	Chrysalis	68	...	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	529	-2	...	3.1	15.8
350	175	Eurocamp	223	+13	9.7	5.5	9.2
1180	623	Euro Disney	683	-5	...	1.8	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
36	18	Ex-Lands	33	...	...	...	...
390	246	Fairline Boats	266	...	10.5	4.9	...
378	314	First Leisure	332	+2	6.1	2.3	22.8
515	298	GWR Gp	505	...	...	1.7	26.0
239	149	Grampian	228	...	6.1	3.3	15.8
15	4½	Greenwich Comm	14	...	...	...	...
62½	19	HTV Group	52	...	...	...	21.1
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	45	-3	...	5.6	...
12½	9½	Kunick	11½	+½	...	...	...
490	262	LWT CP	472	...	...	1.3	21.8
475	327	Man Utd	438	+3	18.0	5.1	15.1
148	59	Owners Abrd	67	+1	3.5	6.7	5.3
66	33	The Pelican Gp	64	+1	...	2.1	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	137	-3	...	3.0	∞
29	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
316	274	Radio Clyde	295	...	...	3.6	23.1
178	132	Ramsdens (H)	170	+4	...	3.3	22.6
553	431	Scot TV	521	...	9.9	2.4	25.6
60	37	Southern Radio	38	...	0.7	2.6	15.8
250	166	Stanley Leisure	249	+1	4.3	2.2	∞
10	5½	Sunleigh	9	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	345½	...	...	0.4	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	100	...	...	...	3.2
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
481	274	Ulster TV	475	...	10.0	2.6	14.6
101	62	Vardon	97	...	0.7	1.0	22.9
22	11	Wembley	14½	...	0.2	1.7	...
38	7½	Whitegate	36	...	...	...	...
215	110	Yorkshire TV	198	...	12.0	7.6	6.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	120	...	8.0	8.6	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4950	+25	...	4.2	23.8
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1437½	...	...	6.5	7.2
3225	1125	Ang Am	2100	...	...	3.3	17.3
30½	8½	Anglo Pac Res	28½	-1	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	126	+2	...	4.8	7.0
46	18	Bracken	29	...	...	...	1.5
871	233	Buffels	669	+12	...	9.8	∞
2½	1	Bume	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	654	+1	...	3.2	21.0
43½	21	Cliff Res	34½	+1	...	...	...
1300	762½	De Beers	1212½	-12½	...	4.0	16.3
165	37½	Deelkraal	127	...	...	1.6	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	57	+3	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	741	+25	...	4.1	∞
709	120	Durban	577	+8	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	139	+4	...	8.4	3.0
270	54	E Rand Prop	209	-9	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	456	+8	...	2.7	10.6
859	292	FS Cons	749	+29	...	6.8	8.9
80	8	FS Dev	61	-4	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1480	-30	...	2.7	23.4
180	125	Gencor	155	+3	...	6.4	12.0
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	53	...	...	2.6	13.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	-½	...	...	...
187	48	Grootvlei	141	+14	...	7.3	8.3
360	78	Harmony	318	...	...	...	...
425	87	Harties	325	+27	...	6.0	∞
14	8½	Incoco	13	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	964	...	...	...	21.8
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	+½	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	920	+16	...	5.5	10.1
913	319	Kloof	707	-5	...	3.1	∞
137	25	Leslie	109	+7	...	3.8	10.9
219	13	Loraine	174	-7	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	840	...	...	...	24.1
116½	81½	MIM	104	-1	...	2.2	47.5
1265	820	Minorco	1109	+19	...	3.4	13.1
136½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	131½	-1½	...	3.8	20.3
2287½	610	Orange Free	1912½	+62½	...	6.9	14.6
709	507	RTZ	674	-3	...	3.9	25.3
637½	425	Rand Mines	606½	...	...	0.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	552	+8	...	5.4	∞
192	115	Renison	166	...	...	2.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustnburg	1075	...	...	3.1	∞
595	191	St Helena	506	-5	...	4.9	10.2
2168	475	Southvaal	1870	+3	...	3.1	32.3
109	18	Stilfontein	104	+10	...	6.0	18.2
201	58	Unisel	122	-4	...	2.5	11.8
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5250	...	...	4.2	9.0
780	154	Welkom	498	+17	...	6.8	14.7
351	26	Western Areas	281	+6	...	3.5	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2162½	...	...	2.9	9.9
329	176	Wstrn Mining	263	...	...	...	...
1029	323	Winkels	887	+90	...	1.1	7.2
84	56	Zambia Copper	60	...	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	63	...	...	4.9	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	125	...	3.0	3.0	12.0
141	82	Appleyard	141	...	5.2	4.6	...
285	203	Blechley Mtr	285	...	...	3.9	14.6
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
449	165	Br Aerospace	449	+14	7.0	1.9	...
52	19½	Burndene	49	...	...	3.0	13.0
343	303	Caffyns	343	...	11.5	4.2	69.4
11	4½	Caverdale	10½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs	133	...	...	3.8	33.6
29	18	Cook (DC)	27	...	...	2.8	∞
287	156	Cowie (T)	256	...	6.2	3.1	19.3
125	85	Dag Motors	118	...	5.7	6.1	21.3
142	102½	Davnprt Vern	142	...	...	3.6	17.9
285	155	ERF	285	...	2.0	0.9	...
131	92	European Mtr	129	...	3.5	3.4	∞
341	208	Evans Halshaw	341	+2	11.2	4.1	52.5
290	226	FR Group	260	-1	...	3.5	12.1
3690	2843½	Ford Motor	3480	-62½	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	3193½	-43½	...	1.6	...
65	38	Gowrings	63	...	2.0	4.0	...
193	85	Henlys	192	+2	3.0	2.0	...
896	650	Honda Motor	875	-1	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
165	97	Kwik-Fit	165	+2	...	2.5	29.5
412	281	Lex Service	404	+4	...	3.3	21.9
158	85	Lookers	158	...	6.2	5.0	...
152	126	Lucas	150	+2	7.0	5.8	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23	...	...	...	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	265	+4	...	3.2	21.4
193	106	Perry Gp	191	...	6.0	3.9	...
176	108	Quicks Group	176	...	...	3.2	22.5
153	90	Rolls-Royce	148	+1	...	4.2	...
212	164	T & N	212	+4	...	6.4	34.0
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	191	...	...	3.3	∞
156	125	Vardy (Reg)	156	...	4.2	3.4	∞
235	121	Westland	226	-2	4.2	2.4	20.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	143	...	4.0	3.5	15.2
340	315	Black (A&C)	338	+3	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	463	-2	...	2.4	17.2
370	275	Bristol	340	...	...	4.3	30.7
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9425	...	13.0	1.7	21.2
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9400	...	13.0	1.7	21.2
305	251	Dorling Kind	286	...	...	1.3	27.3
373	322	EMAP	348	+9	...	2.8	21.5
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1058	...	29.5	3.5	23.8
237	170	Harrington K	208	...	4.5	2.7	17.0
383	231	Haynes Pub	383	...	6.0	2.0	16.5
355	343	Hodder H'line	344	...	5.0	1.6	29.3
140	99	Home Counts	139	-1	6.0	5.4	...
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	135	-4	...	...	19.5
9	6½	Int Crn & Data	8	...	...	...	...
365	240	Independent	365	...	...	3.5	16.4
351	295	Johnston Press	351	...	6.2	1.4	23.8
293	243	Metal Bulletin	293	+5	8.0	3.4	20.7
167	88	Mirror Gp	158	+1	...	...	...
407	287	News Corp	407	+13	...	0.3	27.4
245	169	News Intl	244	...	...	0.5	16.9
484	354	Pearson	474	+5	...	3.2	28.9
675	510	Portsmth Sund	624	...	...	1.9	17.2
686	618	Reed Int	653	+1	...	3.3	28.2
148	98	Southnews	142	...	...	1.8	26.3
162	90	Sterling Pub	160	...	...	2.4	17.4
401	328	Telegraph	383	...	...	2.6	16.1
825	715	Thomson Corp	785	-10	25.4	4.1	∞
378	313	Trinity Intl	370	-2	8.7	2.9	22.2
39	34	Unit Group	36	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspapers	552	+3	...	4.9	16.3

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
35½	17	Aran Energy	29½	+½	...	...	28.5
61	37	Arcon Intl	38	...	...	...	...
69½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	64½	-2	...	...	...
80	26	Aviva Pet	72	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	...	...	...	...
188	145	Br Borneo	186	+2	7.1	4.7	5.7
320	276	British Gas	309½	+1½	14.2	5.7	15.0
326	225	Br Petroleum	310½	+1½	10.5	4.3	24.2
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	747	+4	...	4.2	17.4
65	32	Cairn Energy	55	...	...	...	7.9
268	223	Calor Gp	256	...	...	5.9	21.3
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	...	...	...	...
44	27	Copiex Res	41	-1	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	18½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	451	...	16.0	4.4	55.7
88	40	Exp Co Louis	40	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	+½	...	2.3	9.2
67	45	Goal Pet	58	...	1.4	3.1	10.7
44	18	Gt Western Res	40	...	...	...	...
169½	104½	Hardy O & G	146	...	...	0.9	13.6
46	18½	Kelt Energy	40	...	...	...	...
195	133	LASMO	137	...	3.3	3.0	27.8
103	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	15.0	...
24	10	Mid Scot Res	13	...	...	...	...
47	34	Monument	42½	...	...	...	69.4
9½	4	New London	6	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	28	...	1.0	4.5	9.7
35	27	Oil Search	30	...	...	...	...
15	11½	Petroz	15	...	...	...	...
126	99	Pict Pet	122	...	...	...	17.0
29½	18	Premier	23½	...	...	...	8.8
115	50	Presidio	115	...	...	5.0	...
393	290	Ranger	310	...	...	5.2	...
6412½	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	6400	+46½	...	5.0	15.0
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4125	-34½	...	1.8	...
67	47	Seafield	53	...	...	...	...
648	515	Shell	646	+7	21.9	4.2	19.9
203	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	26	...	...	...	5.9
13½	6½	Villier Grp	12	...	...	...	...
172	141	Woodside	151	+1½	...	2.4	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	128	...	...	5.1	11.6
331	249	API	303	...	7.5	3.1	26.4
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	201	...	...	4.0	19.7
517	408	Abbott Mead	515	...	9.3	2.3	26.7
1½	¼	Acsis Group	1¼	...	...	...	...
40	13	Aegis Gp	34	...	...	5.1	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	145	+5	...	4.3	13.0
13	7	BBB Design	13	...	...	...	...
381	234½	Benrose	381	+2	...	3.9	15.6
33	12	Bridale	15	...	0.2	1.7	12.7
138	118	Bunzl	134	+1	4.0	3.7	20.2
292	257	CIA Gp	292	...	...	1.9	18.5
222	95	Capital Inds	217	+5	...	1.8	20.7
79	44	City of Lon	68	...	...	7.1	12.5
236	169	Cropper (James)	232	...	3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	91	...	1.6	2.3	12.2
117	94	Dolphin Pack	103	...	4.5	5.5	25.4
74	42	Dudley Jenkins	73	...	...	5.5	∞
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	-½	...	3.2	18.0
73	41	Fairway Group	66	-1	3.1	6.1	19.1
323	271	Ferguson Intl	316	+2	...	4.9	14.3
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
124	74	Filofax	118	...	...	1.3	15.1
20	14	Firth	15½	...	...	...	...
112	69	Gibbon Lyons	112	...	...	5.6	12.6
295	247	Gold Greenless	287	...	8.3	3.7	∞
41	30	Goodhead	34	...	0.5	2.6	...
88	35	Hunterprint	54	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	165	...	7.4	5.7	10.8
264	191	Jarvis Porter	247	...	...	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
299	175	More O'Ferrall	298	...	13.2	5.5	35.7
107	48	NMC Group	107	+1	2.0	2.4	16.3
130	66	Osborne & Little	127	+2	...	4.5	13.9
517	455	Portals	478	...	...	3.8	16.4
266	167	Quarto	255	...	5.3	2.4	14.0
347	287	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
185½	142½	Saatchi	172	+1	...	...	...
474	333	Sappi	392	-68	...	9.4	7.6
30	11½	Senti	18½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	25½	+½	...	...	...
394	294	Smith David	386	...	10.0	3.2	∞
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	251	+2	...	3.1	15.6
68	45	Somic	68	+3	1.3	2.8	27.9
236	183	Sta-Plus	229	...	8.0	4.4	20.6
29½	16½	Taylor Nelson	29½	...	0.3	1.5	21.4
66	38	VTR	65	...	...	6.5	18.5
93	40	WPP	90	...	...	1.4	3.4
156	62	Wace	140	...	...	1.0	...
245	203	Waddington (J)	245	...	...	4.0	18.4
723	540	Watmough	713	+5	11.5	2.0	28.0
7	4½	Westport	5½	...	...	...	∞
34	12	Whitney Mck	26	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	72	...	...	2.2	15.4

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
89	41	Allied Lon	88	...	3.5	5.0	75.9
63	58	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
96	52	Asda	96	...	...	2.7	10.1
139	88	Avonside	132	...	4.0	3.8	18.3
2637½	2062½	BCE	2262½	+12½	...	...	...
602	396	Bilton	602	...	18.9	3.9	21.8
76	23	Bourne End	76	...	1.0	1.6	...
219	150	Bradford	216	...	5.4	3.1	21.9
23	5	Bredero	12	+1½	...	...	...
366	169½	Br Land	358	-7	...	2.4	32.6
235	140½	Brixton	234	...	...	4.5	18.5
72½	42	Burford	71	...	...	2.0	...
158	99	Cap & Regnl	158	...	...	0.9	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	185	...	2.4	1.6	...
400	196	Chesterfield	400	...	11.0	3.4	28.6
35	12	City Site Ests	34	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	...	...	CX
50	34	Conrad Rbtst GS	46	...	...	1.4	...
1183	818	Daejan	1180	...	27.0	2.9	∞
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
98	53	Debenham Twn	82	...	...	1.6	16.0
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Dencora	131	...	3.0	2.9	...
498	263	Derwent Hldgs	478	...	8.6	2.2	59.6
40½	10	Development Sec	39	+½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	52	...	...	...	...
260	170	Estates Agency	260	...	3.0	...	23.8
27	7½	Estates Gen	18	...	...	...	...
209	132	Evans Of Leeds	209	...	...	2.7	18.5
30	11	Five Oaks	29½	...	...	...	...
61	30	Fletcher King	61	+1	1.0	2.0	40.4
431	276½	Frogmore	431	+6	...	4.4	25.1
200	97	Grainger	188	+4	5.2	3.5	42.0
204	116½	Gt Portland	197	-5	...	6.3	18.9
26½	7½	Greycoat	19	-½	5.2	...	...
146	101	HK Land	144	-1	...	4.5	19.6
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	69	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	363	+1	10.0	3.4	36.7
663	345	-do- 'A'	333	+2	10.0	3.6	33.7
250	127	Helical Bar	249	...	...	2.4	8.9
31	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	65	...	3.7	7.2	16.3
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
650	435	Land Sec	645	-4	21.8	4.4	19.4
100	73	Lon Merch Sec	99	...	4.0	5.1	∞
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	4	...	...	...	...
482	315½	MEPC	475	-7	...	5.3	20.4
9	5	McInerney A	9	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	130	...	3.5	3.5	∞
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	45	-1	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
40	29	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	146	+1	5.9	5.1	20.5
46	30	Olives Prop	37	...	1.5	5.1	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	9½	...	0.1	...	1.7
135	88	PSIT	130	...	4.1	4.0	∞
263	138	Peel	263	+2	4.0	1.9	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	0.7
48	22	Property Trust	38	-3	...	...	...
75	43½	Raglan	45	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	20	...	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130	...	1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36	+½	0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	57	+1	...	2.2	22.6
82	34	Scot Met	82	+1	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	103	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	9½	-½	...	...	5.0
238	139½	Slough Estates	225	-2	...	4.5	13.7
82	56	Southend Prop	58	-1	4.2	9.2	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	21	...	...	...	...
177	114	Tops Ests	174	...	2.1	1.5	81.5
123	79	Town Centre	123	...	3.1	3.2	23.0
83	43	Trafford Park	78	...	2.5	4.1	21.0
66	3	UK Land	10	+2	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	5	...	...	...	...
246	180	Warner	245	...	10.5	5.4	22.4
202	168	Warnford	188	...	7.5	5.1	13.4
8	2½	Waterglade	3½	...	...	...	...
78	35	Wates	76	-1	0.7	1.3	...
76	40	Wood John D	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	15	...	...	...	...
153½	84	Headlam	146	...	...	2.2	33.0
500	315	Lambert	315	...	13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	52	...	2.0	4.8	14.9
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27	...	1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.1	69.3
60	53	UK Safety	60	+1	...	23.8	2.0

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	491	-5	12.6	3.2	15.6
69	54	Beckman (A)	63	...	4.7	...	12.5
33	21	Bolton Gp	29½	+½	...	...	15.0
170	141	Br Mohair	170	...	8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	40	...	...	...	...
345	298	Claremont Ga	331	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	561	+1	13.6	3.0	15.4
53½	24½	Cupid	29	...	...	...	...
248½	205	Dawson	219	...	...	5.1	16.7
35	22	Drummond	35	+1	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	28	...	...	...	...
81	65	Faupel	81	...	...	7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
198	156	Hicking Pntcst	191	...	...	2.6	14.8
99	45	Jerome (S)	55	+1	...	...	...
365	249	Lamont	327	...	12.0	4.6	21.6
506	353½	Leeds	480	+2	...	1.9	23.2
42	15	Lister	37	...	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	88	...	4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	157	...	1.4	1.1	...
158	69	Parkland 'A'	150	+1	2.0	1.7	...
102½	82	Readicut	93½	...	...	4.6	17.6
53	35	SEET	45	+2	...	...	...
101	72	Sirdar	99	...	5.1	6.5	17.4
72	44	Stirling Gp	69	...	1.8	3.4	16.8
51	37	Stoddard	44	...	...	4.3	40.9
312	250	Tomkinsons	300	...	11.5	4.8	25.9
62½	32½	West Trust	36	...	...	8.7	...
208½	126	Yorklyde	182	...	...	3.6	11.9

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	457	+4	...	5.1	13.7
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	673	+5	11.5	2.1	13.3

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
450	349	Assoc Br Ports	450	+1	...	2.4	...
813	707	BAA	806	+8	...	2.5	20.0
347	249	Br Airways	335½	-4½	...	3.9	18.5
106	56	Clarkson (H)	88	...	1.5	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	451	-5	...	...	...
52	44	Fisher (James)	49	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	157	...	...	0.8	∞
200	147	IoM Steam	198	...	...	5.1	10.4
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	79	...	...	1.6	15.4
2800	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2775	...	4.5	0.2	15.1
382	280	Mersey Docks	382	...	7.5	2.5	24.5
244	181	Nat Express	242	...	...	3.7	17.3
284	230	NFC	258	-1	6.5	3.2	19.6
320	244	Ocean Group	316	...	...	5.7	26.3
85	40	Ocean Wilson	59	...	4.0	8.5	10.7
674	504	P & O Dfd	664	-5	...	5.7	36.0
154	127	P & O 5 1/2%	154	+1	...	4.5	...
558	448	Powell Duffryn	541	+1	...	5.2	21.0
141	117	Seacon	138	...	...	4.6	8.7
141	112	Stagecoach	136	+1	...	3.5	∞
43	24	TIP Europe	42	...	1.4	4.2	10.2
60	31½	TNT	51	+1	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	758	+8	11.8	1.9	29.1
382	173	Tiphook	242	+6	19.3	10.0	...
298	227	TDG	270	...	...	4.4	8.8

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	483	-5	...	5.5	9.8
652	547	Northumbrian	593	+5	...	4.7	6.1
533	431½	North West	483½	-4	...	5.5	6.6
533	430	Severn Trent	496	-3	...	5.3	7.9
554	454	Sthrn Water	512	-1	...	5.2	8.5
1490	1225	Sth Staffs	1488	...	47.0	3.9	10.6
569	465	South West	515	-3	...	5.8	8.5
563	454	Thames Water	501	...	...	5.2	9.8
612	506	Welsh Water	577	-5	...	5.1	5.9
649	536	Wessex Water	585	-3	...	4.6	8.8
593	473½	Yorkshire W	503	+1	...	5.3	8.6

Source: Finstat

♦ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ‡ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	6.04
106	101½	Treas 13¼% 1993	102	...	13.44	5.45
102	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101	...	8.38	5.44
109	105	Treas 14½% 1994	105	-	13.81	5.39
109	105	Exch 13½% 1994	105	-	12.79	5.40
105	103	Treas 10% 1994	103		9.64	5.42
110	107	Exch 12½% 1994	107	...	11.67	5.38
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	-	8.63	5.43
111	108	Treas 12% 1995	109	-	11.01	8.49
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	+	3.09	4.82
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	-	9.46	5.61
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	114		11.12	5.73
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	118	-	11.85	5.88
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122	-	12.42	6.04
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	118	-	11.22	6.01
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	111	-	9.00	6.14
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	-	10.94	6.31
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	-	9.29	6.29
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	...	8.06	6.33
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130	-	11.51	6.59
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	-	8.69	6.51
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	-	7.02	6.38
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100	-	6.69	6.50
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	128	...	10.90	6.89

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137	-	11.28	6.71
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	122	...	9.81	6.84
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	112	-	8.44	6.67
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	124	...	9.85	6.92
117	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117	-	8.95	6.80
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	-	8.76	6.84
111	106	Conv 9% 2000	111	-	8.08	6.81
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	131	...	9.89	7.14
116	109	Treas 10% 2001	116	+	8.57	7.09
116	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	116	+	8.36	7.20
106	97	Treas 8% 2003	106	+	7.52	7.06
119	109	Treas 10% 2003	119	+	8.38	7.26
123	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123	-	9.30	7.37
78	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	78	+	4.47	6.25
115	105	Conv 9½% 2004	115	+	8.21	7.39
116	105	Conv 9½% 2005	115	+	8.19	7.42
134	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134	+	9.32	7.62
104	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	104	+	7.65	7.46
127	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	127	+	9.20	7.57
109	97	Treas 8½% 2007	108	+	7.80	7.45
142	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	141	-	9.51	7.64

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
113	101	Treas 9% 2008	113	-	7.94	7.49
104	92	Treas 8% 2009	104	+	7.66	7.50
114	100	Conv 9% 2011	114	+	7.87	7.52
114	100	Treas 9% 2012	114	+	7.84	7.51
82	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	82	+	6.66	7.18
103	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	103	+	7.52	7.47
104	93	Treas 8% 2013	104	+	7.62	7.51
143	129	Exch 12% 2013-17	143	+	8.36	7.71
113	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	113	+	7.73	7.53

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45	38	War Ln 3½%	45	+	7.66	...
32	27	Treas 2½%	32	+	7.99	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	134	-	...	1.26
199	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	-	1.88	2.69
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109	-	2.26	2.86
168	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167	-	2.75	3.09
164	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164	-	2.90	3.18
112	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112	-	2.93	3.21
172	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	172	-	3.00	3.22
157	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157	...	3.12	3.31
163	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163	...	3.15	3.32
135	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135	...	3.17	3.33
144	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	144	+	3.21	3.37
139	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	139	+	3.26	3.39
116	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	116	+	3.27	3.39
117	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117	+	3.28	3.40

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Bank sounds note of caution on forgeries

BY RODNEY HOBSON

BARCLAYS Bank has warned small businesses to be vigilant when accepting cash after intercepting fraudulent notes worth more than £1.7 million in 1992.

The bank says ultraviolet lamps are not foolproof in detecting forgeries. Genuine notes could be mistaken for fakes if they had been in contact with recently washed clothes, because brightening agents in detergents could cause them to fluoresce. Some forged notes do not fluoresce because of the paper they are printed on.

David Lavarack, head of small business services at Barclays, says: "If a small business were to accept a forged note, it would end up out of pocket even if it had accepted the note in total innocence. The law insists that such notes are confiscated and handed to the police."

Do not rely on ultraviolet lamp checks alone, Mr Lavarack says. Feel the paper. The note should be crisp and slightly rough in heavily printed areas. It should not be limp, shiny or waxy.

The print should be sharp and well defined and colours should be distinct. Check that the note has a thread embedded in the paper. When the note is held up to the light, the thread will appear as a continuous line.

The watermark should be hardly noticeable until the note is held up to the light, when it will show as a clearly defined portrait.

Watch out for £10 and £20 notes, as they are the most popular forgeries. Care must also be taken with £50 notes, the highest value denomination.

Barclays says it has cut Barclaycard fraud losses by more than 20 per cent, to £12 million, in the first six months of this year, compared with just under £16 million in the first half of 1992.

A similar decline in fraud on the Connect debit card has also been recorded.

Bob Potts, Barclaycard managing director, says efforts are being directed at combating counterfeit cards, which account for 9 per cent of losses.

MR FRIDAY ON TUESDAY



"It seems the only part of my business that's expanding is my stomach"

Welsh whisky proves potent

BY IOLA SMITH

TED BATH



Reviving an ancient art: Dafydd Gittins is hoping for turnover of more than £1 million this year

WELSH whisky used to be a joke, but Dafydd Gittins has been changing that with whisky matured in the principality. Next month, he starts distilling at Brecon, Powys.

The Welsh have been distilling whisky since the fourth century. In the 18th they exported their know-how to America, where expatriate Welshmen founded distilleries in Kentucky and Tennessee. It was not until the 1970s, however, that Welsh whisky started to make a comeback in its native land.

That was because, in 1974, Mr Gittins, then a flight engineer with Lufthansa, the German airline, was made redundant. Returning to his native Brecon, he used his payoff to buy a pub and began experimenting with whisky in the brew house at the back.

"I knew that herbs were used in traditional Welsh whisky and it took me six years of experimentation with indigenous varieties to achieve the right blend," he explains.

"When I mastered it, I sold the pub and moved into a factory unit on the local industrial estate."

He founded The Welsh Whisky Company. Raw spirit is obtained from Scotland; maturing and blending with herbs to produce the finished Welsh whisky is carried out in Brecon.

The whisky takes three to ten years to mature, depending on the grade. Impregnation with herbs gives it, Mr Gittins says, a distinctive flavour. Brecon spring water also makes a contribution. Mr Gittins's whisky is sold through supermarkets and off-licences but only 30 per cent of the annual 200,000-bottle output is drunk in the UK. Most of the rest goes to the Far East; Thailand, Vietnam and Japan are the main markets.

Mr Gittins also brews the Tafski brand of vodka and makes Welsh gin with herb flavours. To cater for French tastes, he produces two liqueurs made from dairy cream, honey and whisky.

The company, wholly owned by Mr Gittins and his wife Gillian, achieved turnover of £650,000 in its latest financial year, double the previous period. This summer, it has been exploiting the tourist trade. In May, David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, opened the company's £300,000 visitor centre. Financed largely out of profits, topped up with grants from the Wales Tourist Board and the Development Board for Rural Wales, the centre offers tastings and tours of the production facilities, and an exhibition illustrating the history of Welsh whisky distilling. Mr Gittins hopes it will help him to double turnover again.

"We are lucky that we supply off-licences and supermarkets, rather than pubs," he says. "The pub trade remains depressed, but the retail end has been much better."

BRIEFINGS

Scottish Financial Enterprise has published a directory of financial companies that can help businesses. Details from Linda Lawson at 91 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 3ES. Tel: 031 225 6990.

☐ Following his successful booklet on preventing bad debts, Simon Rawlings, of Baileys Shaw & Gillett, solicitors, has produced a follow up on recovering goods from insolvent customers. It is free from 17 Queen Square, London, WC1N 3RH. Tel: 071 837 5455.

☐ A monthly craft magazine that concentrates on the financial aspects of a small business venture rather than on how to make things is launched this month by Camilla McCormick, who has set up her own publishing company, Audley Publishing, at Saffron Walden, Essex. *Practical Craft* costs £1.95. Telephone 0799 520621 for information.

☐ *Form*, a free bimonthly magazine for small businesses in London, will be launched in October by Business Unlimited. Telephone Adam Bass, on 071 354 4800, for information.

☐ Smaller manufacturing firms plan to spend more on plant and machinery next year, according to a CBI survey. Redundancies at such firms were unchanged over the past four months, in contrast to layoffs reported by larger companies, and small firms now expect to take on more staff.

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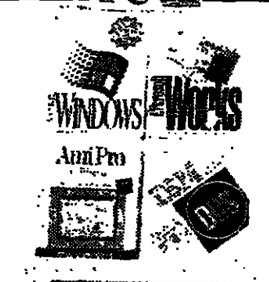
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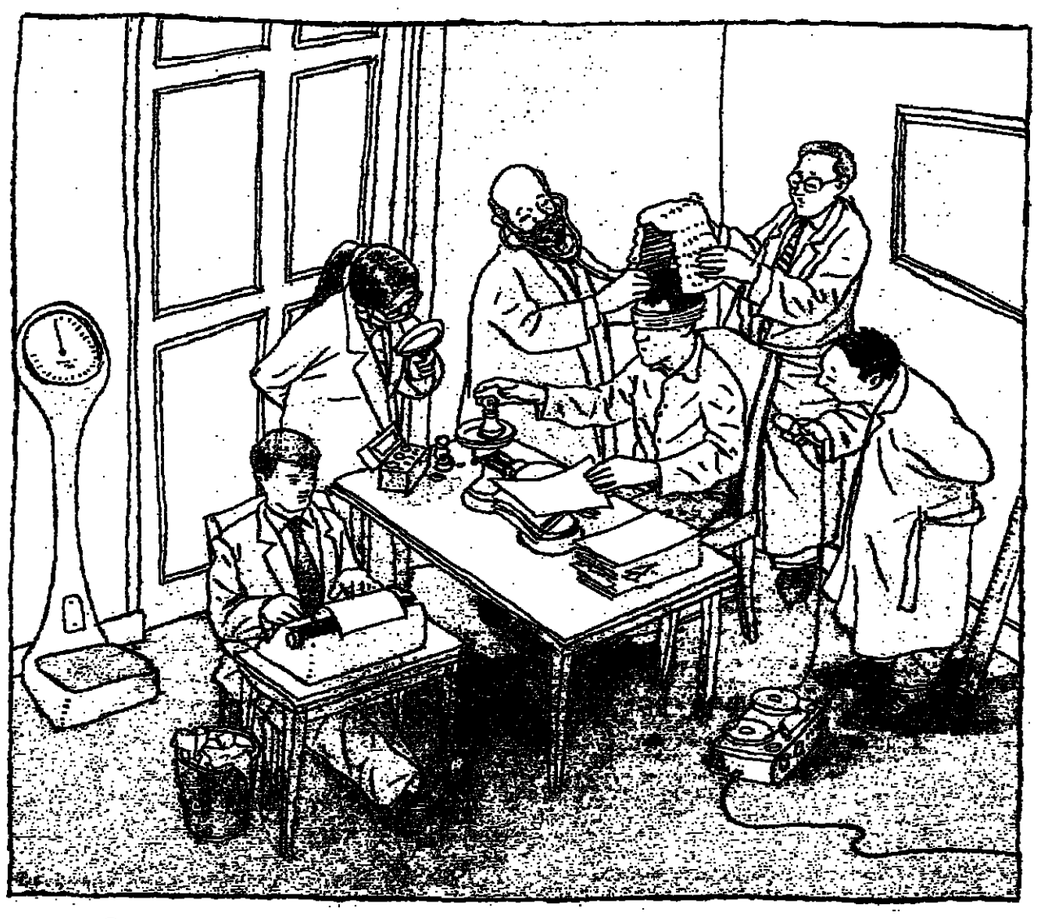
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Frances Gibb examines the arguments for a modern performance appraisal system



Time to judge the judges

How good are our judges at judging? The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice has trodden hallowed ground in its recent report on the legal system by venturing into the sanctum of judicial performance. Judges, the commission says, should be assessed on the job: other judges should go into their courts to see how well they are doing. In short, the judiciary should set up a formal system of performance appraisal. It is surprising, the commission comments, that full-time judges seldom, if ever, observe trials conducted by colleagues.

Predictably, the proposals have caused a stir. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, has already said that to "introduce formal performance appraisal, such as may be appropriate in industry or the civil service, would endanger the fundamental independence of individual judges not only from the executive but also from each other".

Lord Taylor argues that there is already an informal system of performance appraisal at work: the presiding judges on each of the six circuits and resident judges (those at each Crown Court who allocate the cases) "receive information as to the conduct and capacity of the judges in their areas", he says. "Where appropriate, they bring such comments or criticisms to a judge's attention.

"Each judge is also subject to adverse comment where necessary from the Appeal Court, as well as, in extreme cases, from the Lord Chancellor. This is quite apart from criticism by the media."

But the Royal Commission apart, some lawyers favour performance appraisal. One is David Cocks, QC, a former Criminal Bar Association chairman. He said recently that barristers have to endure judges who "flounder outside their competence"; and others who are "case-hardened" through sitting continually alone and who have become "appalling judges on the facts".

Performance appraisal may be novel when applied to judges but almost everywhere else it is commonplace. Philip Cohen, director of public administration consulting at Hay Management Consultants, says: "It has been embedded in most organisations, in the public and private sectors, for at least two decades.

"What has changed lately, quite radically, is the focus and purpose of performance appraisal. It is no longer just a once-a-year thing where the boss calls you in and says you are doing well here but not there. It is now part of a whole cycle of management and planning." The emphasis, he says, is on performance appraisal as a tool for training, "using it as a means of assessing a person's development and training needs".

Performance appraisal is often — and controversially — linked with performance-related pay (PRP). But the two do not need to go together. "For the judiciary, performance-related pay would be inappropriate," Mr Cohen says. "However, it should be possible to devise some way of differentiating judges' performance — through research to crystallise what it is that makes a good judge — and use this for selection and training purposes."

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has already moved a little down this road. He said recently that he wished to bring in a more formal programme of judicial selection, involving advertisements and job descriptions. Last March, he and the Lord Chief Justice set up a working party to assess the "work, deployment and numbers of High Court judges" and report back on the "systems, policies and procedures necessary to ensure the most efficient, economical and effective use of their time".

Working patterns and procedures, caseloads and efficiency, these are all integral to performance appraisal or audit as applied, for instance, in the medical profession. Health service managers monitor surgeons' caseloads, patients' lengths of stay, readmission rates and surgery complications.

> Barristers have to endure judges who 'flounder outside their competence'

Surgeons themselves operate a peer-group audit or appraisal through regular meetings. A consultant surgeon at a London district hospital said: "We meet, consultants and junior staff, and discuss points of concern, anything which went wrong or was badly managed — and, yes, consultants are criticised. The aim is maintain standards, to eliminate poor procedures and ensure the same mistakes don't recur."

Not much of that peer review yet materialises in consultants being asked to retrain or brush up on work where they are below par. But it is in this context, training and maintenance of standards, that the case for judicial appraisal is most compelling.

Lord Justice Farquharson, chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, said recently that the position was "quite hopeless": shortage of resources meant years had to be spent training judges in a particular piece of new legislation. He accepted that "obviously some judges are less competent than others" and that "there are judges who should not be sitting". He did not appear to rule out judicial appraisal; the problem was how to do it.

The Royal Commission says that the presiding and resident judges should take on the job. They already do some informal assessment, but they need time to go into trials and watch judges at work. The Bar would also have a channel through which to comment on judicial performance. The findings would be kept within the judiciary, so as not to "put at risk their independence".

Judges have nothing to fear from such a system, Mr Cohen believes. "If we are to preserve the quality of the judiciary, and the public's confidence in it, senior judges will have to play a greater role in quality assurance. Not every judge can get it right all the time, but they can foster the conditions under which quality can be monitored and create an environment conducive to developing training needs."

Work ethic gives inmates a future

THE smell of cannabis was unmistakable but the budgerigars in their home-made cage were quite chirpy. The pictures on the walls of the rooms ranged from pin-ups to family portraits and the inmates seemed almost as chirpy as the birds. This is prison 1990s-style at Swaleside on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent.

"More of a holiday camp," commented one of my justice colleagues as we surveyed the huge gymnasium with its myriad facilities, ranging from exercise machines to ball games. Outside, in the vast grounds were football fields and tennis courts. Our prison officer guide said: "If you want to improve your golf handicap, come to Swaleside." What a story for the tabloids, I thought, but he was teasing. The truth is less exciting. Ivor Smart, deputy governor, explained. "One chap was allowed to go and play golf because he had done a lot of unpaid work as an orderly." Such a privilege is unlikely to be granted again.

Opened in 1988, Swaleside is designed for Category B prisoners serving four years to life. It is a smart, modern jail set up with private sanitation in single cells.

None of our magistrates would quarrel with such advances because it is essential that people serving longish sentences should be treated humanely while working and training for the future. What we did quarrel with was the amount of freedom for the inmates not to do work or training. As another colleague remarked, "If you can't have discipline in a prison where can you have it?"

The only penalty for not working, we were told, was to be locked in their cells for one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon. "It doesn't matter if they don't earn any money," said our guide. "They get plenty of cash brought in by their families to spend in the shop." The truth, Mr Smart says, is that they can be stopped from spending any money at all if they refuse to work. Since he and Ron Tasker, the governor, took over last year, the rate of "unemployment" has been reduced from 50 to 20 per cent. The drug problem was serious. "To stop it", he said, "we would have to search visitors and do body searches, which the law won't permit. We are trying to tackle it more positively. We have set up a new education committee to encourage prisoners to give up and we hope to develop a drug-free wing so we can split predators from victims in the drug sub-culture."

Other more positive aids to life in prison surprised us, too. Although given three meals a day, inmates can buy other food, which is kept in a freezer. "They can get it out and cook it later," our guide said. Since tea — supper — is served at 5pm. I can understand that one might get peckish before being locked up at 8pm, but the whole place seemed so unlike a prison I was getting positively light-headed. Only when I saw the hair salon did I finally laugh aloud. Yes, it is another possible job for when they come out; but was it necessary to have a smart reception desk for the salon, beautiful wrought-iron dividers in the large room and elegant curtains?

A colleague magistrate of 22 years is adamant that results as good, if not better, could be achieved by spending the money on community services where more people could benefit. "I think it is counter-productive to accustom prisoners to a standard of living that they can replicate when they leave only by re-offending," she said.

Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons for nearly six years, holds a totally different view. "It is the job of the courts to punish offenders, if necessary by depriving them of their liberty," he says. "It is the job of the prison service to take people who have failed at family, school and social relationships and try to help them lead sensible lives in the future."



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He believes we ask the wrong questions when we ask whether a prison is too nice — like a holiday camp, or too nasty — like a medieval dungeon. The right question is: is it active enough? A bad prison is a prison where the inmate is lying on his bed in his cell in the middle of the day. Making use of facilities is the key.

Mr Tasker and Mr Smart were brought in to Swaleside with a brief to maximise the use of resources. This they are succeeding in doing, but it seems an uphill struggle. Perhaps, like some of our continental neighbours and in parts of America, we should allow more prisoners to earn real money so that they can help to support their families and have money put aside for when they are released.

At a jail in Nevada that I visited recently, the authorities allow work programmes for real money outside the prison and bank accounts are opened to enable inmates to have a nest egg when they leave. In England, there are initiatives such as pre-release employment hostels and job clubs, but they are few. More hopeful is the resettlement scheme set up three years ago at Latchmere House. This allows suitable prisoners to take up employment in the last 15 months of a sentence. Another prison is about to copy it. Giving prisoners responsibility and finding them jobs to help to support their families has to be a better way than doling out pocket money.

● *The author is a magistrate in inner London.*

Claws in a contract

WHAT do you do when a telephone message reads "a man called about a pterodactyl"? It was not April 1. The call was returned by Reina Maria May, of Collyer-Bristow, to find it was from a Japanese consultant specialising in historic artefacts.

His client, the Kanagawa Prefectural Museum of Yokohama, needed a life-size replica of the *Quetzalcoatus Northropi Pterodactyl* — and he had found someone who could build one, in California (no, not Steven Spielberg).

The consultant had to visit Japan and needed the contract negotiated, the transaction paid for in advance and controlled from Collyer-Bristow's offices in central London.

The beast was built to spec, videoed for proof, disassembled (the wing span was 36ft) and, with letters of credit, shipped in a special container to Japan. It is now in pride of place at the museum. "We have been told it hasn't yet come to life but it looks pretty life-life," Ms May says.

Fun guide

IN BRIEF, a new free magazine, is about to land on lawyers' desks across London. It is published by James Piesse, son of the Piesse who dropped off the end when Durrant Piesse merged with Lovell White & King.

Those who have seen the dummy issue describe it as a "funsters guide to what to do in London if you are a lawyer with a big disposable income".

Mr Piesse says: "It will pull together everything that is happening in the month, from arts and legal news to recruitment, all wrapped up in an incredibly attractive design."

Shaped like a barrister's brief, the magazine will carry a restaurant review section written by that well-known gastronome, Chris Stoakes, marketing partner at Stephenson Harwood. Scrivenor's taste buds, as always, are available for hire.

Moving on

THE legal status of the "new age traveller" came under scrunity in the High Court last week in a case hotly contested by several local authorities.

The travellers in dispute with the authorities in Gloucestershire, Warwickshire and Somerset are arguing that they meet the legal definition of Gypsies and hence have the right to be accommodated on special sites under the Caravan Sites Act 1968. The local authorities argue that new age travellers do not meet the act's definition. Should they lose, local authorities in England and Wales may face big bills for providing designated sites for travellers.

Just another couple after accommodation rights



INNS AND OUTS

House safeguard?

A FIRM of solicitors has drafted a new form of contract to help to protect buyers against being gazumped.

Cripps Harries Hall, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, has devised a model "lock-out agreement" and sent it to local estate agents in the wake of a recent court ruling. Two weeks ago, Tim Pitts, of Chelsworth, Suffolk, successfully sued a company that agreed to sell him a house at £200,000 but later sold it to a higher bidder after having asked him to match its offer of £210,000.

The Court of Appeal held that a firm commitment in writing between two parties for the sale of a house at an agreed price constituted a binding contract.

The agreement drawn by Cripps Harries Hall is designed so that people can use it without legal advice.

David Briffa, a partner in the firm's residential conveyancing department, says: "The precedent set by the recent court case could mean the eventual demise of gazumping through the use of lock-out agreements to protect the buyer of a property once a price has been agreed with the seller. "We feel that the lock-out agreement will help reduce the stress and anguish caused by gazumping."

But the agreement only stops a seller dealing with another buyer in the time up to exchange, provided the buyer takes all reasonable steps to exchange, he says.

"It does not force the seller to exchange and at the end of the time the seller could simply go elsewhere." If there was a delay in a chain, he added, the protection of a lock-out agreement could be lost.

Adoption battle

A MIDLANDS couple may make legal history if their bid to revoke an adoption order made in their favour is successful. The couple claim that they were not told when they adopted a six-year-old boy that he had been badly abused. Five years later his behaviour had become so violent and uncontrollable that the couple were forced to return him reluctantly to care.

The couple are s also suing the local authority and a charity involved for failing to give them sufficient information about the boy's history. Both organisations deny that they failed to keep the couple fully informed.

Lease of strife

THE new Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act is an example of the lobbyists' golden rule, "If you can't beat a law you don't like, make it so complicated nobody can understand it."

At a recent seminar, leading estate agents were warned against enthusing to prospective buyers that they may be eligible to extend the lease on a property, when they could be heading for disappointment. Especially where the property is a house.

Damian Greenish, of Lee & Pembertons, says: "For the first time it will be possible to enfranchise the largest London leasehold houses. But leaseholders will be in for a shock when they find out how much this will cost. Apart from anything else, they will be expected to compensate the freeholder for any loss in value to other property he owns."

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Life imitates Hollywood

A new film shows American lawyers at their worst. But is there an element of truth in the portrayal, asks James D. Zirin

In Hollywood's version of John Grisham's novel *The Firm*, Tom Cruise plays a young lawyer who joins a rogue law firm that turns out to be more like an organised crime family than a team of professionals crusading for individual rights against the demons of corporate America.

The fictional perception of slick, unethical, fee-chasing lawyers, capable of any villainous act, may not entirely divorced from reality. More than 73 per cent of Americans, according to a recent *National Law Journal* poll, think there are too many lawyers around anyway. The figure in 1986 was 55 per cent. Thirty-one per cent of those questioned in the latest poll think that lawyers are "less honest" than most people. The American Bar Association, at its meeting in New York this week, is considering what can be done about the declining image of lawyers.

Lawyers have always been unpopular. Shakespeare's Dick the Butcher said the "first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers". And Carl Sandburg wondered "why a hearse horse sniggers hauling a lawyer's bones".

President Clinton, himself a lawyer, has, in his attempts fill a number if high-profile vacancies, raised serious issues about what lawyers do and how they are rated by the public. First, there was Zoe Baird, a smart corporate lawyer, who almost became Attorney-General of the United States, despite a dearth of law-enforcement experience. Her now renowned problem was that she breached the Mazzoli-Simpson Act, which frowns on the hiring of illegal aliens.

Then there was Judge Kimba Wood, another aspiring Attorney-General. She told the truth, under US Supreme Court definitions of perjury, when she told the president she had no "Zoe Baird problem" with her Irish nanny. However, Judge Wood's answer may have lacked complete candour because she had omitted to disclose that she had, in fact, hired an illegal alien, although it was, at the time, legal to do so; and had, unlike Ms Baird, paid social security taxes because it was illegal not to do so. Judge Wood's case illustrates the irritating imprecision of lawyers and their uncanny ability to express things obliquely when it is useful not to be too explicit.

Then there is the nominee who made it. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, was single and childless, so had no "Zoe Baird problem". She was easily confirmed. Ms Reno's experience was as a state prosecutor in Miami.

Soon after taking office, she stumbled badly in Waco, Texas, by approving the flawed plan of some federal agents to storm a compound inhabited by religious cultists, which led to the deaths of more than 80 people. Ms Reno's action illustrates the "bull in a china shop" quality of lawyers, particularly when they are so arrogant as to believe their skills are readily transferable to matters in which they have no expertise. Ms Reno has handled herself well since Waco and has received high marks because of her strong character. Now, 63 per cent of the public approves of the job she is doing.

> Only 5 per cent of parents would propose law as a career

And there is William Sessions, the lawyer the president recently dismissed as head of the FBI. Mr Sessions, a former federal judge who had served presidents Reagan and Bush, was forced out because an internal enquiry concluded that he had taken free trips aboard FBI aircraft to visit friends and relatives and had often taken his wife along. This type of impropriety illustrates the dubious ethical standards of some lawyers who allow self-interest to abuse the trust placed in them by clients.

Other lawyers can become overwhelmed by the tormenting problems of troubled clients. Vincent W. Foster, the White House deputy counsel and a long-time friend of the president, committed suicide apparently because his profession became too much for him. Mr Foster was said to have spent weekends working reclusively at home in bed with the shades drawn shortly before he took his life.

Then there is Judge Stephen Breyer, who left a hospital bed to meet Mr Clinton at the White House to discuss his impending nomination to the Supreme Court. He even prepared his acceptance speech at the president's insistence, only to be told he had been rejected in favour of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Breyer's situation illustrates the "here today, gone tomorrow" quality of lawyers, and how vulnerable they are to a client's whim or caprice.

There is also Lani Guinier, whom Mr Clinton nominated as chief of Civil Rights Enforcement. As a law professor, she had written intelligently about race and racism and had advocated a kind of cumulative voting in certain areas of the country so that minorities might have some voice in local government. She was dubbed a "quota queen" by *The Wall Street Journal* and "controversial" even by key Democrats. The president subsequently withdrew her nomination, denying her a senate hearing in which she might have explained her ideas and started a much-needed public dialogue.

This illustrates how lawyers can be unfairly identified with the unpopular causes they advocate in a way that undermines their influence and stature.

Finally, there are Bill and Hillary themselves, trying to advocate a politics of meaning in a country beset with division and economic dislocation. Do they illustrate the impracticality of lawyers: their indecision, insecurity and vulnerability?

The unpopularity of lawyers may stem from the fact that they are lightning rods for conflict in society. Many litigants lose their cases, and deservedly so. Often, they blame their lawyers. Corporate lawyers are unpopular because they reaped a lush harvest of fees in the 1980s.

Today, their extravagant fee structure may merit adjustment. Contingent fee lawyers help the little guy play on a level field when he takes on the business giant. They are pilloried as "ambulance chasers".

The *National Law Journal* poll shows that when parents were asked which of eight professions they would recommend to offspring, only 5 per cent said law, compared with 12 per cent in 1986. Lawyers are in the dog-house, but where would we be without them?



Ethical issue: Tom Cruise as the lawyer and Jeanne Tripplehorn as his wife in the film, The Firm

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Capital letters that spell out a festival

This year's Edinburgh Festival begins on Sunday. Richard Morrison offers a light-hearted guide to the best and worst of a gigantic cultural beanfeast

A for Acropolis. At last the "Athens of the North" has one. Alas, this Acropolis turns out to be a big tent erected on Calton Hill. But it is, according to those paid to say this sort of thing, "the most exciting new venue" at the festival. Almost certainly it will be the windiest. And the main event here will also strengthen the Greek connection: firelit performances of *The Oresteia* starting each midnight — though the play has been transmogrified from ancient Greek into Scots. Ah well, wasn't it Harold Pinter who called Edinburgh "the Reykjavik of the South"?

B for Belly-dancing. You, too, can learn the authentic pelvic swivel. There are classes each tea-time at the Acoustic Music Centre, something of a festival Mecca for ethnic song and dance of every colour and creed. Pity they don't teach pot-belly dancing, then we journalists could join in.

C for Cameras. Visit that Victorian wonder, the Camera Obscura, off the Royal Mile, and see the city magically reflected onto a table; it's all done by mirrors. Then sample one of the finest photographic exhibitions ever likely to be seen in Britain: the "Waking Dream: Photography's First Century" show at the City Art Centre. Straight from the Met in New York, it brings together 253 snaps from the Gilman Paper Company Collection. Unmissable, even for those who have never wielded a Kodak in anger.

D for Director. Running the Edinburgh Festival is marginally less damaging to a chap's reputation than being the England cricket captain, but not much. Yet quiet, canny Brian McMaster, now in his second year, has upset few people so far, and restored some much-needed international glamour to the festival proper. The quartet of theatrical Napoleons he has invited this year — Peter Stein, Peter Sellars, Robert Lepage and Robert Wilson — could not be bettered anywhere.

E for Estonian politicians. I was thinking only yesterday how scandalous it is that we see so few American student productions of new plays by Estonian government ministers. Then along comes the Ohio Northern University theatre group with *Blind Alley of Light*, which the university commissioned last year from the Estonian minister of culture, Paul-Eerik Rummo. Does our own Peter Brooke have a little melodrama tucked away in his bottom drawer?

F for Fraser. Brad Fraser, that is, not the House of. He is the Canadian dramatist whose gripping *Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love*, brought to Britain last year, brilliantly captured the sterile alienation of North American urban life. Think *Twin Peaks*, but spookier. Now his new play, *The Ugly Man*, receives its British premiere at the Traverse.

G for Germans. The festival is full of them. Is it something to do with the Bundesbank? You can see three plays by the *Sturm und Drang* dramatist Jakob Lenz (friend of Goethe, went mad, died a beggar in Russia). Or for something a little lighter, try Heinrich von Kleist's *The Broken Jug*: the only classical German comedy. Even Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* is to be played in German — "Et tu, Brute" exempted, I hope. Peter Stein's spectacular production, premiered at the Salzburg Festival with a cast of hundreds, will be mounted in the enormous Royal Highland Exhibition Hall in Ingliston. "The actors are magnificent, the crowd scenes breathtaking," raved our correspondent in Salzburg last year.

H for Holbein. Courtesy of the Queen, 28 portraits and five miniatures by Henry VIII's favourite artist are on loan from Windsor Castle for this National Gallery of Scotland show.

> 'McMaster has restored international glamour to the festival proper'

I for Ice. The triple toe-loops will be flowing freely at the Assembly at the Meadows. Fifty champion skaters from the Moscow State Circus have been assembled as "The Great Russian Circus on Ice". I wonder how the elephants manage.

J for James MacMillan. A 34-year-old Scottish composer is the undisputed star of the music programme. More than a dozen of MacMillan's pieces will be played, including the world premieres of his new Trumpet Concerto and a chamber opera, *Tourist Variations*. Not since Benjamin Britten's boyhood has a young British composer caused such a flutter.

K for Kurdistan. That is where the Komkar Children's Dance Group comes from, and it will be mixing with the likes of Romanian clog dancers, Zimbabwean jivers, Russian clowns, Peking Opera and Scotland's own Gay Melons (a Javanese-style gamelan, in case you were wondering) in "F.E.A.S.T. at the Fringe" at the Edinburgh College of Art. Clearly not a venue to be visited by the xenophobic.

L for Lepage. The hottest name in performance art (his mud-spattered *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the National last year entertained even diehard traditionalists), Robert Lepage made his operatic debut in January directing Bartók's *Bluebeard's Castle* and Schoenberg's *Erwartung* with Canadian Opera. This double-bill now comes to Edinburgh. The treatment is radical: in *Erwartung* the solitary singer is strapped in a straitjacket, while the "men in white coats" lurk nearby.

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On the street, but is it credible? One of the myriad shows that fill the city's thoroughfares by day

M for Mark Morris. This American choreographer and his company are back in Edinburgh for the second year running, and the emphasis is on collaborations with top musicians. Four first-class British opera singers complement Morris's treatment of Brahms's *Liebeslieder Waltzes*, then the punkish Texan folk singer/fiddler Michelle Shocked and Grammy-winning bassist Rob Wasserman join Morris for the "Appalachian clog-dance" *Home*. When this programme was performed at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York, *The Times*'s correspondent described Morris as "less a great choreographer than a disc-jockey with an excellent taste in music". Fair comment? We shall see.

N for Nostalgia. Even youthful Fringe audiences cannot get enough of it. How else do you explain three separate shows about the Carpenters, or a docu-drama about the Supremes, or the people from Milton Keynes who have decided that what Edinburgh really needs is a show about The Who. Nor can one ignore *Behind Blue Eyes*, "a tribute to the inner strength of Frank Sinatra", and *A Tribute to Nat King Cole*. Actually, the last-named might be the best bet, since it has been devised by Clarke Peters, of *Five Guys Named Moe* fame.

O for *Oberto, Conte di San Bonifacio*. The chance to hear the 26-year-old Verdi's first extant opera, albeit in concert performance, should be seized by all serious opera-lovers. What's more, it will be conducted in the Usher Hall by Sir Edward Downes, the rare-Verdi exponent *sans pareil*.

P for Pipes. There is no escape from the wail of the bagpipe on Edinburgh's streets. No Japanese tourist may return home with honour without a glimpse of the band from one of Her Majesty's kilted regiments marching down Princes Street; and there are lone pipers busking on most street corners. The Army School of Bagpipe Music is located somewhere in the bowels of Edinburgh Castle; and, if you are really besotted, you can buy your own bagpipes from a maker just off the Royal Mile. They start from about £400.

Q for Quair. Having been acclaimed for performing *Sunset Song*, a drama based on Lewis Grassic Gibbon's classic novel of early 20th-century Scottish working-class life, the TAG Theatre Company is now staging the entire Grassic Gibbon trilogy in the Assembly Hall, under the title *A Scots Quair*. Personal and national destinies are woven together into a three-night saga; the only problem for non-Scots may be the accents.

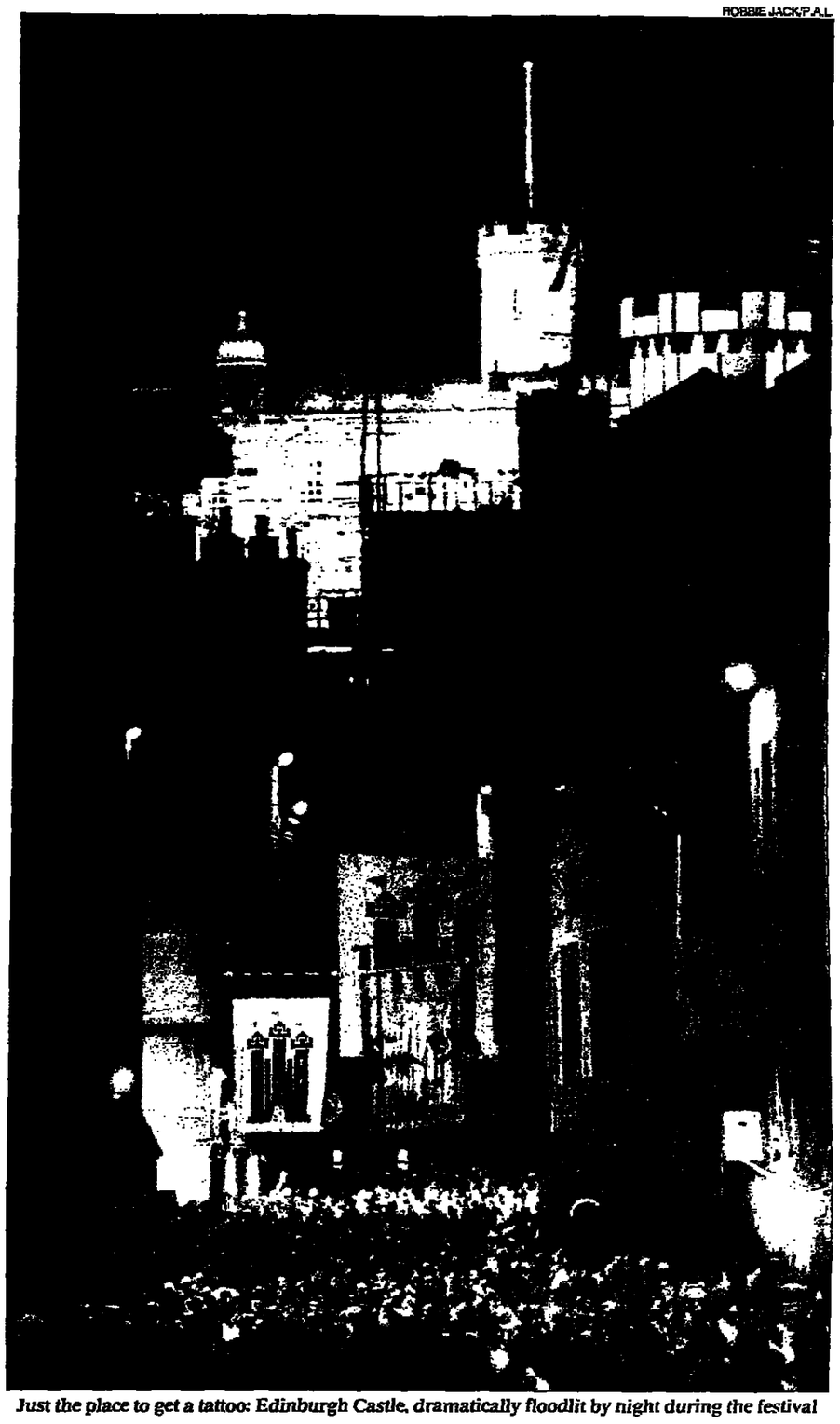
R for Royal Mile. The road which runs from the castle to Holyrood Palace is the spine of old Edinburgh. Robert Louis Stevenson's "dream in masonry and living rock". It is also the place towards which all Fringe life gravitates. Life offers few pleasures purer than strolling down the Royal Mile and being politely accosted by an American physics graduate dressed as a ketchup bottle, who wants you to watch his *Peer Gynt* on stilts.

S for Sellars, Peter — the young American stage director who specialises in setting Mozart operas in New York ghettos, and so on. The last time he was in Edinburgh, in 1988, he scored a great popular success with his production of John Adams's opera *Nixon in China*. This time his subject is no less momentous: Aeschylus's great chronicle of war, *The Persians*.

T for Tattoo. This year's Military Tattoo, on the castle esplanade, may be the last at which all the Scottish regimental bands play together. By next year the defence cuts will have bitten deep into the tartan army. So go now, and be stirred by a pretty remarkable spectacle. And if you need an antidote to all the pomp, there is always *Not the Edinburgh Military Tattoo*, a "summer offensive against British militarism" mounted by the magazine *Living Marxism* and apparently involving a coach tour that will "expose Edinburgh's militaristic past and present".

U for Unperformed. That's right, the world premiere of a story by the great John Steinbeck, staged by the Workhouse Theater Company from New York at the Institut Français d'Ecosse in Randolph Place. Called *Burning Bright*, it is based on his novel about a sterile man and his unfaithful wife.

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Just the place to get a tattoo: Edinburgh Castle, dramatically floodlit by night during the festival

V for Variety. A brilliant idea, this: to recreate a series of 1950s variety shows, playing twice nightly at the King's Theatre from August 20 to 23, and bringing back many of the original stars, from Jimmy Logan, Walter Carr and Jack Milroy to the Tiller Girls, as well as specialist tap and acrobatic acts. There will be a full pit band, too. Scottish variety was a particularly robust entertainment: the phrase "Saturday night at the Glasgow Empire" instilled dread in even the cockiest comedian. Festival audiences may be kinder.

W for Waverley. To arrive at Waverley Station shortly after dawn on the night train from the south, to walk up the ramp and suddenly see the splendour of the castle rising from Princes Street Gardens and glinting in the blazing Scottish sun (all right, this is gross poetic licence): is there any more atmospheric way to begin a visit to the festival?

X for Expensive. The price of Fringe tickets creeps inexorably upwards. Top whack is £39 for the privilege of joining the UK Bungee Club (Scotland) on one of its 100-mph dives above The Meadows. An Assembly Rooms show by one of the big-name comedy acts — usually lasting well under 90 minutes — will set you back about £8. The old notion of "doing the Fringe" by seeing six or seven shows each day can clearly be ruinously expensive. In the long run, the Fringe as a whole will suffer: if punters on a budget are forced to be more selective, ticket prices will rise still further.

Y for Youth orchestras. Almost unnoticed, one of the world's great musical gatherings happens each year in the Central Hall, West Tollcross. It is the Edinburgh Festival of British Youth Orchestras. About 25 orchestras and bands, involving 2,000 young musicians, maintain a nightly programme: the standards are remarkable, the choice of music ambitious enough to put many professional orchestras to shame.

Z for Zany. I see that I have reached this somewhat terminal point without mentioning any of those side-splittingly funny college revues with astonishingly witty names, usually incorporating a reference to bodily functions. Oh well, it's far too late now.

● *Edinburgh telephone numbers: main festival box office 031-225 5756; Tattoo 031-225 1188; Fringe 031-226 5138. The festival officially opens next Sunday and runs to September 4*

TELEVISION REVIEW: On the trail of a veteran traveller, who on this occasion preferred to stay at home

All steamed up about the ships of the desert

Travellers' Tales: Arabian Sands
Channel 4

The Empty Quarter. It sounds like a variant on the proverbial glass that is half-full or half-empty, depending on how you look at it. In fact the Empty Quarter is a huge desert in Oman, notable mainly as the setting for Wilfred Thesiger's classic travel book *Arabian Sands*.

Last night's *Travellers' Tales*, which was the last in the current series, concerned Thesiger's relationship with his long-ago nomad companions, when they travelled "from Salalah, over the mountain through Avnon Wadi and Haloor Wadi, then back towards Malheet and the Shasan Road" — if that means anything to you. In the lamentable absence of a decent map, it certainly means nothing to me.

The programme was either quarter-empty, or three-quarters full, again depending on how you looked at it. Certainly there was one huge disappointment: given that this was a travel programme, you naturally expected Thesiger to jump on a camel and join his old chums at a wadi, possibly appearing very faintly in the distance through a wobbly heat haze and crossing the scalding intervening wastes ever so slowly, like Omar Sharif. In fact, he stayed in Kenya (where, in his eighties, he now lives), and the old chums were visited by a French production team instead.

But in the end, this format made sense. As we learnt in the last few minutes, Thesiger's beloved Bedu tribesmen, despite still being alive, do not exist any more, mainly because they have forsaken the camel as their principal means of transport. Thesiger is appalled by this. He execrates the combustion engine in all its forms. Even though a jeep will not burp, fart, kneel down suddenly or spit in your eye, Thesiger resolutely refuses to see the advantage of the Suzuki.

So this was not so much a journey as an illustrated broadcast edition of a book — gorgeous to look at, with biographical footnotes. And as such (three-quarters full, now) it was fine. Thesiger's own arresting black and white photographs of handsome young Bedu tribesmen in romantic headgear, with rifles, were intercut with terrific archive footage, involving camels, alongside evocative readings by Martin Jarvis. "They wore their clothes with distinction even when they were in rags. They were small deft men, alert and watchful. Their bodies were lean and hard, trained to incredible endurance."

Nowadays these sheiks sport natty white beards, but they are still lean and hard, and they are still obsessed with camels, actually. They swap ho-ho camel stories while relaxing in their tents. Sometimes they inexplicably study camel tracks in the sand. And when infants get out of hand, they casually whack their heads with a long bendy switch, as if they were camels too. "Life is easy now, Allah be praised. We have our trucks and cars. If water is a long way away, we can fetch it." Meanwhile Thesiger has found a sympathetic community in northern Kenya, where the camel is still among friends. So he stays there, teaches children the art of boxing (in huge red boxing gloves), goes for walks, and prays they never discover oil.

At the end, Thesiger did meet his friends again, at a publisher's launch party in Muscat. *Arabian Sands* was finally translated into Arabic, and Sheik Salim Bin Kabina could pose alongside a blow-up of Thesiger's black and white picture, in which he was aged 16. It was a swell party, evidently. They were overjoyed to see him again. But whether their personal invitations specified, hopefully, "and camel?" is a matter only for conjecture.

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PROMS: Tonight, one of the week's highlights, a performance of Szymanowski's exotic Symphony No 3 "The Song of Night", performed by the Philharmonia under Claus Peter Flor, and preceded by Beethoven's *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage*, Mendelssohn's Symphony No 5 in D major, "Reformation", and Bartók's Piano Concerto No 3.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London, SW7 (071-589 8212) 7.30pm.

ROMEO AND JULIET Been and gone is the Kirov's original Lavrovsky version as is Birmingham Royal Ballet's redesigned MacMillan production — see review, right. This week English National Ballet devotees the third week of its Festival Hall season to Ashton's cooler and more lyrical version. The South Bank run features guest appearances by Trinidad Sevillano and Patrick Armand (from the Boston Ballet) and Wes Chapman from American Ballet Theatre
Festival Hall, South Bank, London, SE1 (071-928 8800) Today-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, Sat, 2.30pm.

DEATH IN VENICE: A chance of a forerasts of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Red Shift Theatre Company presents the stage premiere of Thomas Mann's novel, *Death in Venice*, for two nights only before moving to The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh for three weeks. See feature, page 31

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, Battersea, London SW11 (071-223 2223). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm

ALAN DAVIE: The Scottish painter, now 73, has ploughed a solitary furrow, making work which is symbolic rather than abstract.
Barbican Art Gallery, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 4141) Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm, Tues, 10am-5.45pm, Sun, midday-6.45pm, until Sept 5.

REGIONAL

BATH: In a departure from his usual role as one of today's finest accompanists, the pianist Roger Vignoles turns conductor when he directs the Bournemouth Sinfonietta in this new staging of Britten's version of Henry James's chilling ghost story, **The Turn of the Screw**. The production by Bath and Wessex Opera (formerly known as Bath City Opera) is directed by Olivia Fuchs of Opera Factory Zurich, and the cast includes Nigel Robson and Janis Kelly
Theatre Royal, Sawclose, Bath (0225 448844). Tonight, Thurs, Sat, 7.30pm.

EDINBURGH. The very fringe of the Fringe, Rail Rail present one of the first shows to open at Edinburgh this year. **If's Staring You Right in the Face** is a continuously evolving piece exploring television persona; the divide between on and off camera behaviour, public persona and private obsession.
The Pleasance, Venue 33, 60 The Pleasance. Today-Sept 4, 5.15pm. (No performance Aug 13 and 22).

HARROGATE: The Prague Festival Ballet returns for a national British tour that brings not the usual recycled 19th-century Russian classics, but a mixed programme of neo-classical ballets by East European choreographers. The company's director, David Slobaspyckyj, premieres a new work (Love Lessons) and brings back the erotic *Silent Whispers* from last year. The third work is a commission from the Romanian Alice Necsea, whose *Serenade Opus 5* is set to music by the Slovak composer Eugen Suchon. See review, right.
Royal Hall, Harrogate International Festival (0423 565757). Tonight, 8pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON. Debra Gillett plays the title role and Jeremy Northam is the resourceful Horner in Wycherley's *The Country Wife*. The director is Max Stafford
Swan Theatre (0789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then in repertoire with *Murder in the Cathedral* and *The Venetian Twins*.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ARCADIA** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Today, 2.15pm and 7.30pm. 180mins

□ **THE BASSET TABLE** Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments are the ingredients in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre. Revived by Company of Clerks.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022) Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sun, 2pm, 5pm. Till August 29

□ **BEAUTIFUL THING** Calf-love on a South London estate, new play by award-winning Jonathan Harvey
Bush, Shepherd's Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon to Sat 8pm. At least till August 28

□ **GODSPELL.** Candy-flavoured Christianity. The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tue to Sun 7.30pm plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm Mats Sat 3pm

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2.30pm.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845) Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm, 150mins

□ **HERE:** Ian Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play the anguish of moving into a new home, the implications of a bed here and not there
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon to Sat 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm. Limited run, ends September 11

□ **THE LAST YANKEE.** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins.

□ **MACBETH** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Wed, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm 140 mins

□ **MARVIN'S ROOM** Alison Steadman as a kindhearted Florida woman facing up to mortality.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 150mins.

□ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

■ **THE ODYSSEY** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm 180mins.

□ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noël Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration".
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 150mins.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three different restaurants and roving back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple, the others are unchanged from the excellent Scarborough cast.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Opens Tue, Aug, 3, 7pm. Then Mon to Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

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Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18): Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne; director, John Badham
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BARAKA (PG) A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18): Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast. Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Kotias.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561).

EQUINOX (15): Alan Rudolph's intoxicating tale of lost souls in a crumbling metropolis, jam-packed with visual magic. With Matthew Modine, Lara Flynn Boyle.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **JURASSIC PARK** (PG): Michael Crichton's best seller becomes a clumsy vehicle for rampaging dinos and superior special effects. Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Richard Attenborough
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DANCE: A fine Czech company returns; plus Birmingham Royal Ballet in London

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Prague Festival Ballet: an annual, not yet permanent, collaboration

Prague Festival Ballet
Corn Exchange, Cambridge

ENCOURAGED by the success of a trial run to London last year, the Czech dancer David Slobaspyckyj has again brought his Prague Festival Ballet to Britain, this time for a small tour to larger theatres. His long-term hope is a permanent company; at present he simply assembles a group of like-minded contemporaries each summer, since 1989, in their holidays from various companies in Prague, Brno and Vienna.

The programme retains the strongest of last year's works: *Silent Whispers*, created by Slobaspyckyj to a selection of Moravian and Slovak folk songs. This choice of music led him to mix steps from folk dance with the blend of ballet and mainstream modern dance he generally works in, greatly to its benefit. The dances generate an attractive dignity, simplicity and vigour, which bring out the best in the very able performers.

An epilogue in which two lovers meet by moonlight for a shy but frank sexual initiation shows a deeper side. Tempting as it is to wish that this aspect had surfaced earlier, the unexpected change of mood is probably important and makes both the main body of the work and its postscript more successful by the contrast.

Slobaspyckyj's new work, *Love Lessons*, also shows changing relations among couples and a group, but treated as comedy in a light-hearted set of dances to insidiously attractive popular music in the old sweet-stringed "Palm Court" mode. (Several unfamiliar composers are credited, but not Gade, who wrote the best known of the numbers, "Jealousy".)

The choreographer casts himself as the macho superman who gets his rightful comeuppance at the end, but the nature of the company is that everyone gets a fair share of prominence. All are allowed to reveal strong individuality, and the level of skill is uniformly high, without any stars or showing off.

One of the dancers, Alice Minodora Necsea, has created the other new work, *Serenade Op 5*, to music which Eugene Suchon wrote in the early Thirties before making his name as Slovakia's leading composer. Its flowing melodies have led Necsea to create a suite of plotless dances that are fluent if perhaps sometimes more sharply classical than might be expected for the musical context.

However, it is the use of ballet technique for works of a contemporary sensibility that accounts for the popularity of this company, warmly applauded by a good house at Cambridge on Sunday night. Prague Festival Ballet appears at Harrogate tonight and the Queen Elizabeth Hall in London tomorrow. I suspect we shall hear more of the company.

JOHN PERCIVAL

The women have it

Romeo and Juliet
Covent Garden

THE name's the same, and so is the music. But Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* becomes very different according to whether you see Lavrovsky's epoch-making original production (Kirov Ballet at the Coliseum last month); English National Ballet in Ashton's Old Master version at the Festival Hall this week; or MacMillan's familiar staging which Birmingham Royal Ballet gave last week at Covent Garden.

Nor do the differences end with choreographic treatment. After all, MacMillan's staging, made early in his choreographic career, drew at least as much on Lavrovsky's (either direct or via John Cranko's precedent) as it did on Shakespeare. And although the Birmingham and the Covent Garden Royal both use MacMillan's choreography, the result is not the same.

I am not thinking only of the fact that BRB has alternative designs by Paul Andrews, since these inevitably follow the same basic shape and approach as Georgiadis developed with MacMillan; only striking out boldly on their own with the helpfully smaller scaled setting of Juliet's bedroom and in the medieval front-cloth of two walled settlements.

More to the point, this company has always been concerned to put on a show that will involve its audience. Since *Romeo* entered the Birmingham repertoire last summer, the dancers have sharpened the detail of their acting and built it into a stronger ensemble drama than the London company provides with its emphasis on more formal qualities.

What it lacks at present is an edge of virtuosity in the male dancing. The three Romeos I saw last week all acted splendidly (especially the local entrants, Kevin O'Hare and Joseph Cipolla), all partnered strongly (especially the American guest Robert Hill), all threw themselves impetuously at the solos — but something was missing from the sheer physical excitement this role can achieve.

For Juliet, the picture is quite different. Marion Tait's problem in this role is not that she has come to it late in her career but that the maturity which is an asset in most roles makes it harder for her to be seen as a young girl. Once past the early scenes she then develops the tragedy strongly.

Two other Birmingham Juliets, Sandra Madgwick and Raveena Tucker, have already been praised on these pages; now they are joined by two marvellously apt young dancers. Miyako Yoshida, whose expressiveness has increased to match her always beautiful pure dancing, and Monica Zamora, who makes you see the character live and grow through every step and gesture, with a heartrending climax in her last silent scream of unutterable anguish immediately before killing herself.

Many performers in smaller roles deserve praise. Invidiously, let me mention just Chenca Williams, whose laughing, lascivious nurse was born for Shakespeare's filthy jokes, and Alain Dubreuil's serenely benign Friar Laurence.

J. P.

RECITAL: The Van Cliburn winner

Grand little player

Simone Pedroni
Harrogate Festival

JUST as the pianist was announcing his first encore a voice from the audience called out "Scarlatti!" To his credit, he appreciated the irony (intentional or not) and as a compromise offered "Rossini?" — although that would only be after he had delivered Rachmaninov's Elégie.

Simone Pedroni, a pianist in the grand manner, was as unlikely to play Scarlatti as he was to play Dallapiccola. Whether the grand manner actually suits him did not come into question: it had just won him the gold medal at the 1993 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition — and that is impressive by any standards. He is only 24 even now and still developing, which is what might save him from the fate of the heavy-handed competition winner destined to two or three years of over-exposure in Rachmaninov concertos, or Brahms if he is lucky, and then to little or no exposure at all. He might be a quite different kind of pianist by then.

As he confirmed in this — his first appearance in Europe since he won the Van Cliburn in Fort Worth in June — Pedroni does have a mightily heavy hand. But it is also a rather small hand, which is apt to find itself at a disadvantage in, say, some of the more frantic passages in Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. More to the point, as was already evident from some expressive phrasing in Liszt's transcription of Isolde's *Liebestod* and his poetic approach to parts of Rachmaninov's Piano Sonata No 2, he does have imagination.

"Too much imagination" is how one experienced observer put it. True, but that is why his treatment of the *Pictures at an Exhibition* was so compelling from the first notes until all but the last. Nobody in the Harrogate Theatre, surely, had ever heard *Bydlo* — the movement based on Hartmann's drawing of an ox-cart on a muddy road — presented with such deliberate rustic crudity. There was no question of beginning it quietly and gradually stepping up the volume, according to convention: it was played as marked, fortissimo throughout. Though the massively percussive double-fingered articulation of the melodic line was not exactly what Mussorgsky intended, it was in every sense riveting.

Pedroni tried just about everything in his efforts to bring out or, indeed, heighten the colouring of Mussorgsky's pictures. The disappointment in such a physically responsive performance — accompanied by gestures which might have been distracting but which were more instinctive than theatrical — is that it failed in physical strength at the end. After building up *The Great Gate of Kiev* to its bell tower, he somehow failed to sustain the structural tension and let it all go in the last few bars.

Scarlatti, by the way, doesn't need any scaffolding.

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A new stage adaptation shows the continuing fascination of *Death in Venice*, writes **Ellen Cranitch**

A Mann for all seasons

Few who saw Luchino Visconti's 1971 film of Thomas Mann's novella *Death in Venice* can have forgotten it: the shuffling figure of Dirk Bogarde as Aschenbach, with crumpled linen and crumpled brow; shimmering seascapes framing the luminous beauty of the young Bjorn Andresen who played Tadzio, and the pervasive Mahler score. But although many people regard the film as a seminal work of the early Seventies, recent evaluations have not been kind. Indeed the latest edition of *Halliwell's Film Guide* cites it as "a prime contender for the most overrated film of all time".

Thomas Mann's novella concerns the role of the artist torn between a desire for Apollonian order and Dionysian excess. The disintegration of the distinguished writer, Aschenbach, occurs in a Venice choking with cholera. As images of corruption and decay swamp the city of beauty, Aschenbach's deterioration is depicted not just in physical but in emotional and mythological terms.

An intensely internalised, philosophical book with a largely silent protagonist does not cry out to be dramatised. Yet *Death in Venice* has not only been made into a film, it was also transformed into an opera by Benjamin Britten in 1973, and this week it receives its premiere in London as a stage play before transferring to Edinburgh. The coveted stage rights have recently been secured from Mann's German publishers by a British touring company, Red Shift, a troupe with a strong record of vivid literary adaptations.

The reason the novella has continued to fascinate artists — be they composers, film directors or dramatists — may lie in its central theme: the solitary artist close to death, questioning his life's work and embarking on a final pursuit of an idealised, unattainable beauty. Moreover the book has an elusive, ambiguous quality which makes it susceptible to many different interpretations.

Britten wrote the music for *Death in Venice*, his last opera, when he was very ill. Convalescing from a heart operation prevented him attending the first night. He feared he would not live to complete the work, and colleagues of his at the time recall his unsettled, indecisive state of mind. It is probable that he created the work while undergoing, like Aschenbach, an artistic as well as a physical crisis.

What appears to have interested Britten about the novella was the psychological complexity of the leading character, along with the story's potential for drama. In his opera, he



Peter Pears as Aschenbach in Benjamin Britten's 1973 opera



Dirk Bogarde in the same role in Luchino Visconti's 1971 film

gave his Aschenbach, Peter Pears, sustained bouts of musical monologue, consisting of piano-accompanied recitative, to express his emotional and intellectual state, bringing in orchestra, chorus and other solo voices for moments of greater action.

And by using recurrent motifs such as the ominous theme for the plague, he was able to lace key metaphorical ideas through the work. Action was enhanced by depicting Tadzio and his family, and the childrens' beach games, in terms of dance. The mixture of Sir Frederick Ashton's choreography and the special Tadzio music — created using orchestral effects inspired by Far-Eastern gamelan music — served supremely well to associate the boy with a strange, exotic world. *Death in Venice*, the opera, opened to superlative reviews at the Aldeburgh Festival in June 1973.

Some commentators have argued that Visconti's film of *Death in Venice* is more about Visconti than it is about anything else. Some of the film's major preoccupations — the undercurrent of homosexual awakening, the longing for youth and fear of old age and death — are held to mirror Visconti's own profoundest concerns. Analogies have even been suggested between Visconti's mother and the repressive Polish mother of Mann's story.

Yet even if Visconti identified, in his way, as closely with Aschenbach as did Britten, what Visconti drew from the novella was very different. Visconti eschewed psychological complexity and dramatic action and concentrated instead on the abstract state of obsession — the film is more of a meditation on the obsessive pursuit of the sublime. He switched Aschenbach's occupation from writer to composer, strongly equating him with Gustav Mahler, and drowned the film in the lush strains of Mahler's Third and Fifth Symphonies. Where Britten's music powerfully particularises Aschenbach's shifting state of mind, Mahler's music serves to generalise it, emphasising a man in thrall to one ruling passion.

One problem with the film is that, because of the power of the visual image, the looks exchanged between Aschenbach and Tadzio carry greater force than in the book. The story is in danger of being simplified into nothing more than an old man's infatuation with a gorgeous boy. Indeed Katia Mann, Thomas's widow, was concerned when she saw the film that it could too easily be interpreted as a homosexual love story.

Although Visconti's film was premiered two years before Britten's opera, Britten himself deliberately avoided it. Not so Jonathan Holloway, Red Shift's artistic director; the latest adapter of the novella.

Following Britten and Visconti's example, Holloway intends making copious use of music, especially written by composer Adrian Johnston. He aims to emphasise the dramatic action and to create a series of characters to whom Aschenbach can speak so that the nature of his character and predicament can be worked out through dialogue — intrinsically more dramatic than a lengthy monologue. Conscious that "the strengths and weaknesses of a particular adaptation lie in the expressive language you're dealing with — be it music, cinematography or words," he intends creating a descriptive visual language similar to that used by a Greek chorus when evoking events, to buoy up the story and carry it along.

Why did he want to adapt it for the stage? At 37, Holloway is hardly peering at the grave, but he identifies profoundly with Aschenbach: "with that particular petit bourgeois anger that comes from having low self-esteem. I come from a lower middle-class family where that anger is a familiar emotion. The fact, as in Aschenbach's case, that such bullish anger can be melted when it comes face to face with something of exquisite beauty, fascinates me. I know the sense of release that brings is extremely important to many artists from similar backgrounds to my own."

Furthermore, Holloway is undergoing his own particular Apollonian/ Dionysian conflict, jettisoning the rational for the sublime. Having spent his early years in political theatre, once a great advocate of utilitarian art, he now finds all that too limiting: "I couldn't direct the plays I did five or six years ago — most of Brecht, for example — I find the agenda too restricted."

Having spent months steeped in the novels and correspondence of the prolific Mann family, Holloway is also fired by a certain missionary zeal; he wants to reinstate elements of the original novella which Visconti flouted: "I'm not sure how well Visconti's seascapes, no matter how beautiful they are, succeed in conveying Aschenbach's complex and changing state of mind. I want people to forget Visconti's camp pageant and rediscover the heart of Mann's work."

● *Red Shift's* Death in Venice *is at BAC, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223) tonight and tomorrow, and then at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh (031-226 2428) from August 15 to September 4*



Red Shift's theatre version of *Death in Venice*: it aims to rediscover the heart of Mann's work

ROCK

Two steps back

Pooka
Mean Fiddler, Harlesden

With the climate so favourable to all forms of Seventies revivalism, it can be no surprise that there is a renewed rush to that haven for the flare-free and disco-shy, the altogether quieter world of the acoustic singer-songwriter.

And indeed a visit to this north London venue's tiny Acoustic Room for this appearance by Pooka could have convinced the easily confused that they had travelled by time machine back to some distantly-remembered Students Union, circa 1975. There were boys sporting long hair, beards and leather bracelets, and girls in floor-length skirts, crocheted waistcoats and granny glasses. And most convincingly of all, upon the stage were two young women bent over their guitars, one of them even barefoot.

But there is little fey or whimsical about the pairing of Sharon Lewis and Natasha Jones, each 22 and musical partners since they met at Nottingham University. "Self indulgence did no one harm," observed one song upon their self-titled debut album, to be released by Warner Brothers at the end of the month, yet how neatly they sidestep the *potholes of tweeness or morbid introspection that the non*-sympathetic associate with their chosen genre's wayward past.

Dark frizz-haired Sharon (print dress not inappropriately black) and the calm, red-headed Natasha (sensible as a district nurse in her blue gingham blouse) achieved their joint power by suggesting that all is to be sweetness and light, and then suddenly pulling the rug. They managed this sleight of hand musically as well as lyrically, often clouded their harmonies with bitter, occasionally ugly sounds, or slamming angrily at their guitar strings.

The effect is curious and original, and worthy of investigation. Among the songs to listen out for are the sneaky, clever "City Sick", the more buoyant "Graham Robert Wood" and the deceptively pretty "Feel the Breeze", each giving evidence of a dark but dexterous joint talent.

ALAN JACKSON

CLASSICAL MUSIC: Doom, gloom and a brace of concertos at the Proms; a gripping Britten production in Bath; and a thriving festival in Finland

Mesmeric power of melodrama unveiled

BBCSO/ Wigglesworth
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Strange that an evening of gloom and doom, in the right hands, can be so exciting. The young conductor Mark Wigglesworth does not obtain the neatest performances ever heard, perhaps because he is so determined not to allow the music to settle into the rut of a single speed. But in three pieces from the heavyweight division of the late-Romantic repertoire he galvanised the BBC Symphony Orchestra into playing of real fervour.

Where was the gloom and doom? Well, we started with Strauss's *Death and Transfiguration*, continued with that deranged nymphet Salome drooling over the severed head of John the Baptist, and concluded with Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony — which is, the scholars tell us, loaded with all sorts of tragic subtexts and coded misery. Not an evening for the morbidly introspective.

Wigglesworth played the loud, fast part of the Shostakovich first movement in much the same way as he had earlier treated *Death and Transfiguration*: pumping all the dynamic details up almost to the point of caricature. Curiously, however, the symphony's opening — that portentous two-part counterpoint for strings — sounded surprisingly muted and severe.

In the second movement, too, he never found the acid touch that can transform this music from being a gentle pastiche of a Mahlerian Ländler into a catalogue of sardonic ironies. But he controlled the Largo superbly: the gradual thickening of the string textures perfectly matching the growing trauma in the music.

Earlier, the unique and spectacular Maria Ewing was the soloist in the closing scene from Strauss's *Salome*. Her costume was a melodrama in itself: a black-lace, figure-revealing thingy, too insubstantial even to audition for the part of the seventh veil.

But her vocal exhibition (I hesitate to use the word singing: that seems altogether too restrictive) was not to be upstaged; it was a vintage display of whispers, gutteral cries, glissandos, near-speech and — yes, occasionally — some superbly chilling soprano tone.

The orchestra overwhelmed her from time to time; not much a conductor or soloist can do about that, without a pit. But even when temporarily lost to the ear, she mesmerised the hall.

RICHARD MORRISON



Maria Ewing: unique and spectacular *Salome* soloist

Classic confrontations

CLS/ Hickox
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Two concertos were on offer at the City of London Sinfonia's Prom conducted by Richard Hickox. One was Robert Saxton's Viola Concerto, which took seven years to reach London from its premiere at the Cheltenham Festival, although it has been heard elsewhere at home and abroad in between.

It models itself on the European classical tradition, in the sense of a four-movement symphonic structure which puts the soloist in confrontation and sometimes conflict with the orchestra. At the same time it does draw the most reticent of orchestral instruments into the spotlight, and Paul Silverthorne, for whom it was written, proved himself a virtuoso in sensitivity as well as technique.

He is kept almost continuously busy in performance, sometimes with fast passage-work to hold his own in the foreground, but also in more lyrical episodes where he exchanges ideas with individual players behind him, like the piccolo in one movement, the cor anglais in another. At the end there is a strong sense of musical fulfilment from soloist and orchestra alike, thanks to the assurance of the composer's craft.

Much the same can be said of the Oboe Concerto by Richard Strauss, that late and mellow fruit of the composer's old age. Nicholas Daniel raised hopes of the recording he is to make with this orchestra and conductor by his poetic feeling and fine shading of the music's lyrical line, each phrase neat and well-placed in conjunction with the conductor's broad and expansive approach.

Something broader would not have come amiss in Mendelssohn's "Italian" Symphony, whose exuberant vitality here seemed unduly repressed. Hickox was apt to confuse discipline with rigidity at the end of a programme that began with jaunty Rossini in the *Turco in Italia* overture, and smoothly ingratiating Hugo Wolf in his *Italian Serenade*.

NOEL GOODWIN

Debut shows spirit

The Turn of the Screw
Theatre Royal, Bath

It is with some trepidation that one dares to report the success of Roger Vignoles's conducting debut in Bath and Wessex Opera's gripping new production of *The Turn of the Screw*: if Britain's finest piano accompanist should ever forsake the keyboard for the podium, then the recital room, and song itself, would be the poorer for it. Yet there can be nothing but praise for Vignoles's musical direction of Britten's most meticulously musical of operas.

Vignoles listens minutely to the echoes and memories of sound which Britten recreates from Henry James's own substrata of allusions in this most chillingly ambiguous of ghost stories. Close familiarity with all Britten's song cycles (he has recently recorded the complete *Canticles*) brings him to the very nerve centre of the composer's identification of word and note, voice and instrument.

At the start of the second act, for instance, when the governess finds herself lost in a labyrinth of events and feelings, Vignoles draws the finest, most elusive of threads from the violins of the Bournemouth Sinfonietta. That sense of controlled hysteria, indeed, of the power of control and manipulation itself, which is drawn so powerfully out of the score, is taken up in Olivia Fuchs's delicate production.

The hanging gauzes of designer David Myerscough-Jones's faded chintz both enclose and open out frighteningly endless vistas. The confidently shifting levels of repression are discreetly and often quite beautifully controlled by Ben Ormeroyd's coppery and chill blue lighting.

The effect of it all is to create a world as much of dream as of menace: a childhood land of lost content which adults (live adults that is) enter at their peril.

The long silk scarves with which both Quint and Miss Jessel are made to seduce their charges have a chilling pre-echo of Flora's cat's-cradle game; yet something of the purely verbal and musical power of this scene tends to be lost in all the physical activity. Nigel Robson himself needs to make more of this power by projecting more tellingly the flavour and scent of each swift teasing image; Sarah Pring, on the other hand, has no problem in luring Flora by the dark lustre of her voice alone.

Paula Bishop and Ben Sutcliffe as Flora and Miles are a match for the elegant nervous governess of Janis Kelly, her penetrating soprano giving a not entirely sympathetic, always challenging aspect to one of the most difficult of Britten's female roles. Further performances in Bath tonight, Thursday and Saturday.

HILARY FINCH

Sounds of the forest

Kuhmo, a sturdy lumberjack of a town, spanning a single crossroads in the forested heart of north-east Finland 50 miles from the Russian border, has for the last 24 years been a centre for an annual festival of chamber music whose reverberations are now felt far beyond the Nordic countries into Europe and even the Far East.

This summer the long-awaited opening of the new Kuhmo concert hall and arts and community centre both marks the festival's artistic coming-of-age and celebrates the regeneration of a previously culturally and economically depressed region of Finland.

The two-week festival's activities are, in a style not dissimilar to that of England's Dartington Summer School, spread through the local church, school and community centres whose year-round cultural life the festival stimulates and fertilises.

There had been fears that the handsome new 660-seat hall would modify the unique Kuhmo spirit which its charismatic founder and director, cellist Seppo Kimanen, has fostered from its earliest days. But Kuhmo seems unchanged. Still young, unknown musicians pit their wits in ensemble with a growing core of Kuhmo regulars (Gidon Kremer, Yuri Bashmet, Thomas Zehetmair and Robert Cohen were among Kuhmo's earliest visitors). Still they groan under the weight of a relentless schedule: still they turn up for sessions of non-European music-making, tennis and Tai Chi.

The hall, which cost £6m to build, half of it provided by central government, is still finding its acoustic feet. An essentially warm, yet clear and light space can be controlled by shifting hinged panels in the pinewood walls, just as a computer deck controls a kaleidoscope of stylish lighting.

This year's twin themes of French and Icelandic music certainly put both the hall and the performers through their paces. It was a cunning juxtaposition, typical of Kimanen's imaginative programme-planning and casting.

Scuttling between simultaneous concerts in the old school and the new hall, audiences could, at one moment, enjoy the sort of outrageous irresistibility that characterised a performance of *Le carnaval des animaux* only possible in a festival (our own Michael Collins, clarinet, as Cuckoo, Philippa Davies, *flute, as fish and fowl*); or they could probe the dark, deep-hewn ballads and broken dance rhythms of Orn Magnusson's committed performances of the *Four Pieces for Piano* by Jon Leifs, the Bartók-like father-figure of modern Icelandic music.

Ravel's *Trois poèmes de Stéphane Mallarmé*, sung by Lucy Shelton with a vividly characterised ensemble of players including Collins, Davies and the young Swiss pianist Andreas Haefliger, was met by the bright, haiku-like minimalism of Karolina Eiriksdottir's ensemble piece, *Renku*, played by pianist Orn Magnusson, clarinettist Einar Johannesson, violinist Sigrun Edvaldsdottir and cellist Bryndis Gylfadottir.

There is always plenty of new talent. This year, I heard the feisty young Swedish Tale Quartet, specialists in contemporary music. And I took particular note of the Berlin-based Petersen Quartet and the Israeli viola-player Yuri Gandelsman, whose morning series of Boccherini Quintets in the cool blue interior of Kuhmo's wooden church made their own unforgettable contribution to this most memorable of festivals.

HILARY FINCH

Spaniard leads way as storms lash fleet

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Fastnet race began to live up to its perilous reputation yesterday as strong gales lashed the fleet in the Irish Sea. Winds up to force seven swept a second man overboard, left another boat dismasted and a third with a badly buckled boom.

First to reach the rock was the Spanish Whitbread 60, Galicia 93 Pescanova, skippered by Javier de la Gandara, which rounded the Fastnet at 10.44am, 28 minutes ahead of Dennis Conner's rival Whitbread race entry, Winston.

Remarkably, Galicia and her 60ft Whitbread rivals filled the first three places, leaving the larger and supposedly faster 83ft Whitbread maxi sister ships, La Poste, New Zealand Endeavour and Merit Cup, trailing, more than 1½ hours astern.

Fortuna, Lawrie Smith's Spanish maxi, which is one of the largest and heaviest in the fleet and is meant for reaching and running in the Southern Ocean rather than the headwinds of the Irish Sea, fared even worse, rounding the rock thirteenth, almost 4½ hours behind the leader. Last night it remained to be seen whether the maxis, with their far greater sail area, could recoup the ground they had lost to the 60-footers in the heavy running conditions back to Plymouth. Grant Dalton, skipper of New Zealand Endeavour, reported that his yacht was averaging almost 20 knots while Dolphin, the British 60-footer skippered by Matthew Humphries, which was chasing the US Women's Challenge after rounding the rock eighth, was maintaining an average of 13-15 knots towards the finish.

Ragamuffin, Syd Fischer's Australian 50-footer, was first of the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup yachts to make the turn, followed less than a minute later by Graham Walker's British team yacht, Indulgence, at 4.58 pm.

However, with only 11 of the 17 yachts that remain within the Admiral's Cup fleet reporting their positions to the race organisers yesterday afternoon, it was impossible to gauge team positions and the possible outcome of the cup series until they had all rounded last night.

As conditions continued to deteriorate, the casualty list among the 243-strong fleet rose to 17, three of them from among the Admiral's Cup yachts. One of the first to retire was the Japanese one-tonner, Nippon, skippered by the bronze medal-winner, John Cutler, of New Zealand, after his Japanese bowman, Kazuhiko Sofuku, was swept overboard. The sailor was not clipped on at the time and the search was hampered when he lost his torch while attempting to take off his heavy oilskins.

Cutler and his crew took 20 minutes to locate him in the half light and pulled him back on board cold but unhurt. The skipper than decided to withdraw from the race, fearing that the sailor might have developed hypothermia, and headed back to Plymouth.

They were followed by the Irish 50-footer Jameson 3, skippered by Joe English, which suffered a broken boom. Then came news that the Australian two-tonner, Great News II, owned by John Calvert-Jones, had been dismasted. There were no casualties, but the loss of one of the leading boats in the series could prove a body blow to Australian hopes of winning the cup for the first time since 1979, when 15 lives were lost in the race.

Other retirements yesterday included Basil Rizzi's class one yacht, Trilogy II, which pulled into Falmouth, to be joined by Cas, skippered by Major P Crump, Kraktit, another class one entry, and the class three yacht, Astrom, sailed by Nick Hodshon. Two other crews heading for home included the yacht Misguided, which suffered rigging failure, and Paul Lunn's class three entry, Brouzer.

The leading Whitbread yachts were expected to complete the 605-mile course early today.

POSITIONS

(With times of rounding Fastnet Rock)

1, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp), 10hr 44min; 2, Winston (B Butterworth, US), 11:12: 3, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, European Community), 11.12; 4, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 12:18.

5, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ), 12.19, 6, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz), 12:30: 7, US Women's Challenge (B Frank, US), 12:57; 8, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB), 13:01. 9, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It), 14:45

10, Nicorette (L Ingvall, It); 14:45; 11, Encore (J Dolan, US), 14:51: 12 Yeoman XXX (R Aisher, GB), 14:52; 13, Fortuna (L Smith, Sp), 15 01.

FRANK BRADFORD



Safely netted: Camilla Buckley, who scored twice, leads another attack on the Welsh goal during England's 12-0 win in the women's lacrosse World Cup in Edinburgh yesterday. Buckley was outscored by Sarah Richardson and Rachael Newcombe, who each got four goals. Newcombe, 26, a teacher from Chester, is a Welsh international 400-metre hurdler. Her husband Neil, an amateur rugby league international, has accompanied her to Edinburgh and is living in a tent for the duration of the tournament. England's other scorers were Jan Guilbride and Di Stearn. In the other pool, Canada defeated Japan 13-4 to give themselves a chance of beating Scotland for second place in the section. The United States, the defending champions, who seem certain to take first place, have scored 33 goals in two matches. They should maintain their 100 per cent record against the Scots.

Shearer's date for comeback advanced

BY PETER BALL

WHILE English cricket sank further into depression yesterday, there was a glimmer of hope on the football front. After scoring twice during his surprise reappearance as substitute for Blackburn Rovers against Drogheda on Sunday, Alan Shearer refused to rule himself out of the World Cup qualifying match with Poland on September 8.

Shearer has had a series of operations on a knee injury since January and as recently as last week he had set Blackburn's match with Liverpool on September 12 as his target date for a comeback. Sunday's appearance has revised the schedule.

"I don't think I am ready to start again yet," Shearer said. "But hopefully, I can look forward to games in another two to three weeks at the most. I was talking about September. Maybe I'll come back earlier, and if I'm in the Blackburn team before September 8, I would hope to be involved in the international squad."

Sunderland's Northern Irish international, Phil Gray, needed an emergency eye operation yesterday after a car driven by his forward partner, Derek Ferguson, collided with another vehicle at a roundabout. Ian Rodgerson suffered a dislocated shoulder in the same accident. Ferguson and Andy Melville, Terry Butcher's two other signings this summer, were both unhurt.

Alan McInally's attempt to revive his career after a knee injury received a setback yesterday when Everton decided not to sign him after a trial period.

John Sheridan has ended his dispute with Sheffield Wednesday and signed a new three-year contract and John Harkes, the American international, could follow suit today.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lyle side by side with Daly in US PGA

SANDY Lyle and José Maria Olazábal were yesterday paired with golf's biggest attraction, John Daly, in the first two rounds of the US PGA championship at Toledo, Ohio, on Thursday and Friday. Daly shot to stardom in the corresponding event two years ago, stepping in as an eleventh-hour replacement at Crooked Stick and winning his first major title. He has hardly been out of the headlines since.

Lyle and Olazábal can expect to be watched by a huge gallery as Daly tries for a victory which would catapult him into the United States Ryder Cup team. Daly's regular practice partner, Fuzzy Zoeller, said: "We're going to be hitting a lot of one-irons off the tee."

As is now the tradition, the winners of the season's first three majors are paired. That means a 36-hole head-to-head between Bernhard Langer, the Masters champion, Lee Janzen, the US Open champion, and Greg Norman, winner of the Open at Sandwich last month. Nick Faldo will partner Davis Love and Lanny Wadkins, while Ian Woosnam has Fred Couples and Wayne Grady, the winner in 1990, for company.

Bournemouth impress

BOWLS: Nick Jones's Bournemouth team, who won the title last year, came safely through their first two matches in the Sanatogen EBA fours championship at Worthing yesterday. They scored six shots on the penultimate end and a single on the last to defeat Crouch, Seaford, skipped by John Luffman, the octogenarian, by 19-18 before having a less fraught victory, by 19-15, over Crittal Silver End, Essex, skipped by Tony Papple. It is unusual for the holders to qualify for Worthing the following year, but Bournemouth are looking good.

Surprise results included the defeat of Wynne Richards' Mid-Surrey quartet by Risbygate, Suffolk, while Chippenham Down, skipped by Neil Connor, won the last seven ends to beat Blackheath and Greenwich — Gary Smith, Andy Thomson and all — by 21-12. Smith and Thomson will return next week to defend their pairs title.

Mansell in driving seat

MOTOR RACING: Nigel Mansell's victory in the New England 200 on Sunday, which extended his lead in the IndyCar series to 25 points over Emerson Fittipaldi, has strengthened his hand in negotiations with the Newman/Haas co-owner, Carl Haas. Haas will visit Mansell's home in Florida today after a test session to try to clinch a deal. But there is fresh speculation that Mansell might return to Formula One racing after weekend reports in Italy that Benetton has secured Renault engines for next season. Mansell says: "I have got an open mind. I am in no hurry."

Australia pick Tabua

RUGBY UNION: Ilie Tabua, the former Fiji flanker, has been called up by Australia for the second international match against South Africa in Brisbane on Saturday. Tabua, 28, who has played four times for Fiji, is the only change to the team that lost 19-12 to South Africa on July 31 in the opening match of the three-game series. The second-row forward, Warwick Waugh, drops out to make way for Tabua, with Garrick Morgan reverting to the second row. But first Tabua must pass a fitness test on a hamstring injury which forced him to leave the field during Queensland's 17-3 defeat by the South Africans on Sunday.

Lindner joins Oldham

RUGBY LEAGUE: Oldham, promoted to the first division, have signed Bob Lindner, the leading Australian second row forward, on a two-year contract and tempted Paul Topping, the former Leigh captain, out of retirement. Topping, 27, has joined Oldham on loan for 12 months and will play at full back, from where he scored 34 tries and kicked 93 goals in sixty appearances for Leigh. Wigan face possible disciplinary action after only one of six selected players appeared at Lilleshall yesterday for a week-long Great Britain under-21 training camp. Leigh are losing Andy Ruane, the hooker, to Barrow, and his younger brother, David, a back, to Widnes.

Umpiring change

CRICKET: A neutral umpire will be used in the three-Test series between Sri Lanka and South Africa starting later this month. The decision follows strong criticism from several players and officials about the standard of umpiring in the second Test of the Sri Lanka-India series, which India won 1-0. The neutral umpire, whose name is due to be announced today, will stand in the middle with a local one during the South African series. The South Africans arrive in the island tomorrow and play their first Test on August 25. It will be the start of a busy period for them. They visit England for three Tests next summer.

Todd leads parade

EQUESTRIANISM: Mark Todd, the dual Olympic champion from New Zealand, riding the one-eyed General Knowledge, heads the field for the open intermediate section of the Everdon Horse Trials in Northamptonshire, which take place today. The 200-strong entry also includes Matt Ryan, the reigning Olympic champion from Australia, Richard Walker with Jacana, his Olympic horse, and Pippa Nolan, the national champion, with her six-year-old intermediate horse, Bits and Pieces. Todd is giving General Knowledge his last outing before he competes in the Intermediate championships at Gatcombe this weekend.

Gordon's appeal supported by doctors

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Gordon, the British No 2 discus thrower whose four-year suspension for a doping offence was confirmed yesterday, is to appeal, with medical support, stating that his inability to provide an adequate urine sample for a drugs test may have been linked to a medical condition from which he is suffering.

Gordon left the British championships at Crystal Palace in June after providing only a partial sample, less than the stipulated minimum 70 millilitres, claiming that he had urgent work to tend to relating to his security business in Tyneside. Subsequently, Gordon said yesterday, he discovered that he was suffering from skin cancer.

He presented to the BAF disciplinary tribunal a letter from his doctor which, Gordon said, stated: "I believe that this cancerous lesion will have had some influence over his ability to pass a specimen and I feel this should be taken into consideration." Gordon, 42, a former policeman, said he now has a support letter from the specialist who is due to perform what the athlete described as "a minor operation", which confirms the doctor's view.

The tribunal took place on July 28 and the BAF's management board after considering its report, confirmed the ban. Failure to provide a sample comes into the same punishment category as returning a positive test for steroids.

Dr Tim Anstiss, occupational health physician at West London Health Care Trust and a BAF regional medical officer, confirmed a possible link between inability to provide a full specimen and genital skin cancer. "It is not inconceivable that a skin problem might reduce someone's capacity to provide a complete specimen," he said.

The athlete, whose suspension begins from the date of the offence, June 12, has 21 days to appeal.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation will consider today a proposal from the German federation (DLV) for flexible penalties on doping offences to replace four-year suspensions for first offences and life bans for second offences.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WEMBLEY STADIUM: American Bowl: Dallas Cowboys 13, Detroit Lions 13 (OT).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 3, Montreal Expos 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, New York Mets 2, Chicago Cubs 2, St Louis Cardinals 1; Cincinnati Reds 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Colorado Rockies 5, San Diego Padres 2; Houston Astros 4, San Francisco Giants 1; Florida Marlins 6, Philadelphia Phillies 5.

East division				
Philadelphia Phillies	70	42	.625	-
St Louis Cardinals	63	48	.568	6½
Montreal Expos	60	52	.536	10
Chicago Cubs	56	54	.509	13
Pittsburgh Pirates	52	60	.464	18
Florida Marlins	47	64	.423	22½
New York Mets	39	72	.351	29½
West division				
San Francisco Giants	74	38	.661	-
Atlanta Braves	66	47	.584	8½
Cincinnati Reds	66	55	.518	16
Los Angeles Dodgers	57	58	.518	16
Houston Astros	57	54	.514	16½
San Diego Padres	44	68	.393	30
Colorado Rockies	37	74	.333	36½

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 7, Cleveland Indians 6 (in 11 innings); Detroit Tigers 5, Boston Red Sox 1; New York Yankees 8, Minnesota Twins 6 (in 10 innings); California Angels 2, Chicago White Sox 1; Kansas City Royals 4, Oakland A's 3; Milwaukee Brewers 5, Toronto Blue Jays 2; Texas Rangers 7, Seattle Mariners 1

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto Blue Jays	64	49	.566	-
Baltimore Orioles	62	49	.5591	
Boston Red Sox	62	49	.559	1
New York Yankees	63	50	.558	1
Detroit Tigers	58	56	.500	7½
Cleveland Indians	51	60	.459	12
Milwaukee Brewers	44	66	.400	18½
West Division				
Chicago White Sox	60	50	.545	-
Kansas City Royals	57	54	.514	3½
Texas Rangers	57	54	.514	3½
Seattle Mariners	54	57	.487	6½
California Angels	52	58	.473	8
Minnesota Twins	47	61	.435	12
Oakland A's	46	62	.426	13

BOWLS

WORTHING: Sanatogen EBA national championships: Fours: First round: G B Britton, Bristol (J Horsted) bt UK Paper, Sittingbourne (L Shoobridge), 23-15; Derby West End (J Conley) bt Romford (S Pickford), 23-17; Victoria, Weston-super-Mare (D Alder) bt Browston Hall (P Barr), 18-14; Cowes Medina (L Webb) bt Kettering Lodge (A T Holmes), 18-14; Spencer, Melksham (A Moore) bt Westcotes, Leicester (S Bradford), 26-5; Luton Town (R Cawdell) bt Beccles Conservatives (J Jermy), 26-5. Workington (S Airey) bt Crediton (C Bond), 26-10, St Peter's Municipal (D Griffin) bt Bulmer's, Hereford (R Perry), 22-17, Southport (A Atkinson) bt Whitley and Monkseaton (J H Scott), 22-13

Ely Bee Sports and Social (D Bell) bt Cranleigh RBL (M Overington), 21-13; Shepherd's Bush Cricket (G Smyth) bt Thorne Anker, Warwick (C Perkins), 25-8, Droitwich Vines Park (P Turner) bt Sidley Martlets, Sussex, 23-21; West Park Hull (D Carr) bt Chandos Park, Bucks (R Gaskins), 26-20, Suttons, Berks (K A Nash) bt St Albans Townsend (K Lockyear), 18-12, Summertown, Oxford (G Hamington) bt Jarrow West End (L Malone), 26-9, Blackheath and Greenwich (A E Thomason) bt Aylesbury Town (M Richardson), 20-8; Chippenham Town (N Connor) bt Bristol (I Danford), 18-17; Midland Electric Sports and Social (M Dawson) bt Parsons Green, Middx (S Jee), 24-20; Risbygate (C Southgate) bt Mid-Surrey (W Richards), 28-23.

Stratford-upon-Avon (D Caldwell) bt Queen's Works, Bedford (T Booth), 25-22.

Reading (M C Newman) bt Garston, Herts (J Simmons), 21-13; Cribbill Silver End (A C Papple) bt Sharingham Morley (K Medler), 21-19; Bournemouth (N Jones) bt Crouch, Seaford (J K Luffman), 19-18; Gusborough, King George V (A W Jones) bt Shanklin (C Riddell), 18-16, Totnes (P Johnson) bt Swanage (J Horn), 27-6; Peterborough Railway (R Mablethorpe) bt Summerhill (J Ferguson), 17-16; Braza, March (C Randall) bt Seaton, Cumbria (J Southwell), 21-17; Belgrave, Leics (D Clark) bt Stanion Club House, Derbys (P Holmes), 24-14; Banbury Borough (G Moon) bt Kingsthorpe, Northants (M Sharpe), 28-15. Cleethorpes (P White) bt Nottingham City (H Hill), 21-12. Stroud (D Howell) bt Silsworth, Durham (H Barker), 23-15. Southampton Sports Centre (G Alford) bt Truro City (C Whitfield), 18-17.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Finchampstead: Berkshire 241-6 dec (B S Jackson 65 not out) and 24-0; Wiltshire 225-5 dec (P M Marsh 78, L K Smith 60). Shrewsbury: Dorset 242-4 dec (T W Richings 102, J A Claughton 59) and 17-0; Shropshire 206-7 dec (A D Braidwell 67; V J Pike 4-56). Slough: Buckinghamshire 209-5 dec (N J Roberts 69) and 41-0; Cambridgeshire 213-5 dec (S Roberts 58 not out, G Limal). OLD TRAFFORD: Third International: South Africa Under-17 230 (J Kallis 128 not out; M Dimon 3-67) and 50-2; England Under-17 225-7 dec (C Schofield 54, K Innes 66).

SHENLEY: Three-day match: West Indies Under-19 298-6 (I Bradshaw 85, S Chanderpaul 83; P Bird 3-73, S Shaw 3-71) v League Cricket Conference.

CYCLING

TIME-TRIALS: Westerley RC 100: N Gardiner (Oxford Polytechnic CC) 3hr 46min 01sec. Team: Ickfield RC, 13.19:55 Yorkshire CF 100: L Holmes (Morley CC), 3.53:08 (course record). Team: Goole Vermuyden CC, 12.47:19. Exeter Wheelers 100: R Epenjesi (Elizabethan CC), 4.03:01 Team: Exeter Wheelers, 13.18:21. Speco SC (Essex, 72 miles), P Bedford (VC Norwich), 2.49:00. Team: Colchester Rovers, 9.46.52. Barnesbury CC 50: H Walker (GS Metro), 1.53.02. Team: Cramlington CC, 8.10.53. Cardiff RCC 50: M Antell (First Chard Wheelers), 1.53'46. Team: Port Talbot Wheelers, 5.46:38. Weston Wheelers 50: M Cunnington (Swindon RC), 1.59:55. Team: Severn RC, 8.29:02. Hampshire RC 30: R Garrett (Bedfordshire RCC), 1.11:26. Team: Portsmouth North End CC, 3:46:44. RTTC National junior championship (Worcester, 25 miles): 1, J Hunt (Hemel Hempstead CC), 53:41 (course record); 2, B Harwood (Peterborough CC), 55.03; 3, P Moore (North Wirral Velo), 55:06. Team: VC St Raphael, 2.49:52. Cedric CC 25: R Boundy (CC Breckland), 55:09. Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers 25: R Pears (Bath CC), 55.11 Team: Fareham Wheelers, 2:55:10 Warwickshire RC 25: W Elliott (Concorde RCC), 55:31. Team: Coventry Olympic, 2.57.07. 29th Wheelers CC 25: P Roberts (Lewes Wanderers), 57:06. Team: Southborough and District Wheelers, 3:02:48.

ROAD RACES: Kellogg's Grand Prix of Portsmouth (60km): 1, H Redant (Collstrop, Belgium), 1.29:26; 2, C Lillywhite (Banana, GB); 3, G Coltman (Raleigh, GB) all same time. BCF Centres of Excellence championship (North Humberside, 80 miles), C Newton (Northern), 3:16:35. Team: Wales. Charles Rice Trophy (Nottinghamshire, 131km): S Bennett (Maltby CC), 2.59:52. VC Astar (Scottish GP series, East Kilbride, 79 miles): G McGarrity (Aberdeen Multisports), 3:15:11. Abergavenny RC (70 miles): C Nott (SG Bottington), 2.54'00

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: South American Zone: Group A: Paraguay 1, Argentina 3 (in Asuncion); Peru 0, Colombia 1 (in Lima). Group B: Bolivia 3, Uruguay 1 (in La Paz).

GLIDING

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH: British 15-metre national championships (no flying yesterday). Leading positions (after first day): 1, S Redman (LS6), 392pts, equal 2, T Scott (LS7) and S Crabb (LS7), 378. 4, M Dawson (Ventus), 361. 5, D MacPherson (ASW20), 360; 6, L Hood (LS7), 340

GOLF

GRAND BLANC, Michigan: Buick Open: Leading final scores (US unless stated) 272: L Mize, 64, 69, 71, 68. 273: F Zoeller, 69, 65, 66, 73. 274: G Norman (Aus), 68, 73, 68, 65. 276: C Pavin, 71, 65, 71, 69. J D Blake, 69, 71, 67, 69 277: S Ellington (Aus), 67, 72, 70, 68. S Lamontagne, 67, 70, 70, 70. F Funk, 66, 71, 67, 73. 278: N Lancaster, 69, 71, 71, 67. D Toms, 73, 67, 68, 70; P Stewart, 66, 71, 71, 70

MODERN PENTATHLON

DARMSTADT, Germany: World championships: Men: Individual: 1, R Phelps (GB), 5,755pts (fence 880, swim 1,268, shoot 1,165, run 1,342, ride 1,100), 2, L Fabian (Hun), 5,669; 3, S Delegne (Fr), 5,658; 4, A Conforto (It), 5,552

MOTOR RACING

LOUDON, New Hampshire: New England 200 IndyCar race: 1, N Mansell (GB), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 1hr 37min 33.093sec (130.148 mph); 2, P Tracy (Can), Penske-Chevrolet, 0.453sec behind; 3, E Fittipaldi (Br), Penske-Chevrolet, 8.797; 4, R Guerrero (US), Lola-Chevrolet, 1 lap; 5, R Gordon (US), Lola-Ford Cosworth, 1 lap; 6, S Brayton Lola-Ford Cosworth, 2 laps World series (after 11 races): 1, Mansell, 144pts; 2, Fittipaldi, 119, 3, Tracy, 100; 4, R Boesel (Br), 96; 5, M Andretti (US), 97; 6, B Rahal (US), 80.

OULTON PARK: British Touring Car championships: 1, J Winkelhock (BMW), 32min 00.72sec (93.62mph); 2, S Soper (BMW), 32:04.63; 3, J Cleland (Vauxhall), 32:21.30. 4, A Menu (Renault), 32:22.07; 5, J Bailey (Toyota), 32:22.47, 6, J Allam (Vauxhall), 32:23.18 British Formula Three championship (all cars Dallara): 1, K Burt (GB), 22min 30 19sec (104 09mph); 2, M Goossens (Bel), 22' 32 01, 3, R Rosset (Br), 22:33.82; 4, O Gavin (GB), 22:34.88; 5, S Arnold (GB), 22:38.00, 6, A Ribeiro (Br), 22.40.53.

REAL TENNIS

VICTORIA, Australia: Ballarat Silver Racquet championship (Australia unless stated). Quarter-finals: J Snow (GB) bt J Hryscos (GB), 6-2, 6-3, 5-6, 6-1; A Mickelburgh bt A Lyons (GB), 6-4, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; N Wood (GB) bt B McFarlane, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; F Filippelli bt M Edwards, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. Semi-finals: Snow bt Mickelburgh, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; Filippelli bt Wood, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3

TENNIS

PRAGUE: Men's tournament: Final: S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (Russ), 7-5, 6-4.

KITZBÜHEL: Austrian Open: Final: T Muster (Austria) bt J Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 7-5, 6-4

CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt A Sánchez Vicario (Sp), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1

TRIATHLON

CLEVELAND, Ohio: ITP tour event: Men: 1, G Welch (Aus), 1hr 44min 55sec; 2, B Braun (US), 1:56:14; 3, K Glah (US), 1:46.20 Women: 1, M Jones (Aus), 1 56:22.

YACHTING

COWES: Royal Southern YC Regatta: CHS Class 1: Camp Freddie (G Peck). CHS Class 2: Carcharinus (D Chalot). CHS Class 3: Kozmos II (Graham). CHS Class 4: Owl (P Bruce). CHS Class 5: Nicolet Belle (C and H Neve). CHS Class 6: Needlework (J Lord) Sigma 33: Honey of Bosham (I Butler). Contessa 32: Wight Rabbit (P Rells). South Coast OD: Tuonela (R Harding). J24: Fuzzy Duck (P Woodman). Sonata: Cadenzza (J Frey). Daring: Loup Garou IV (J Clark). Etchells: Ramboyant (C Jago). Dragon: Flotation (R Davies) Swallow: Harrier (B Russell). Redwing: Snowgoose II (K McAlpine). Sunbeam: Danny (R Wickes) Mermaid: Halfut (R Hill). Flying 15: True Colours (M Dixon). XOD: Felix (J Allenby). Squib: Seiu (Commander R Hewitt) Victory: Woozle (N Sefton-Smith).



COMPANY GOLF DAY RESULTS

17 July Uniplex, The Belfry
1. D Carson, 29;
2. R Salmon, 28;
3. T McDonald, 28;
4. T Waggett, 23
Aggregate score: 108

6 August Olivetti Golf Society, DBT Classic, Stoke-By-Nayland
1. A Legge, 39;
2. D Wilson, 37;
3. L Allen, 36.
Top Guest: E D Fraser, 36
Aggregate score: 148

6 August P-E International Plc, Prilford Heath
1. A Evans, 36;
2. R Garrington, 34;
3. B Balmer, 31;
Top Guest T Southern, 35
Aggregate score: 136

6 August Tobasgo Design, Royal Worlington
1. A Martin, 39;
2. R Baker, 36;
3. D Ellingham, 31.
Top Guest: A Brown, 37
Aggregate score: 143

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday August 14 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Coventry
1 A Villa v QPR
X Chelsea v Blackburn
1 Liverpool v Sheff Wed
X Man City v Leeds
1 Oldham v Ipswich
1 Sheff Utd v Swindon
2 South'pton v Everton
X West Ham v Wimbledon
Not on coupons: Newcastle v Tottenham; Norwich v Manchester United (Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION
X Barnsley v West Brom
2 Charlton v Birmingham
1 C Palace v Tranmere
X Grimsby v Bolton
1 Leicester v Peterboro
X Luton v Watford
2 Notts Co v Middlesbro
2 Oxford v Portsmouth
1 Wolves v Bristol C

Not on coupons: Derby v Sunderland; Southend v Nottingham Forest (Sunday), Stoke v Millwall

SECOND DIVISION
1 Bradford v Brighton
1 Brentford v Exeter
X Bristol R v Bourn'm'th
1 Burnley v Port Vale
1 Cambridge v Blackpool
2 Cardiff v Leyton O
1 Hartlepool v Fulham
X Hudd'field v Reading
1 Plymouth v Stockport
2 Wrexham v Rotherham
2 York v Swansea
Not on coupons: Barnet v Hull

THIRD DIVISION
1 Bury v North'pton
1 Carlisle v Wycombe
1 Chester v Doncaster
1 Colchester v Lincoln
2 Darlington v Rochdale
2 Gillingham v Chest'field
1 Hereford v Scarboro
2 Mansfield v Shrewsbury

2 Preston v Crewe
X Wigan v Scunthorpe
Not on coupons: Walsall v Torquay

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Aberdeen v Kilmarnock
1 Celtic v Hibernian
1 Dundee v Motherwell
1 Hearts v Rath
X Partick v Dundee Utd
2 St Johnstone v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Brechin
2 Ayr v Stirling
X Dumbarton v Clyde
1 Dunfermline v Clydebank
2 Hamilton v St Mirren
X Morton v Falkirk

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Cowdenbeath
1 East Fife v Stenh'muir
X E Stirling v Berwick
1 Forfar v Albion
1 Meadowbank v Stranraer
1 Montrose v Arbroath
1 Q'n of Sth v Queen's Pk

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Chelsea, Manchester City, West Ham, Barnsley, Grimsby, Luton, Bristol Rovers, Wigan, Partick, Dumbarton, Morton, East Stirling.
BEST DRAWS: West Ham, Barnsley, Grimsby, Wigan, Morton.
AWAYS: Birmingham, Portsmouth, Swansea, Crewe, Shrewsbury
HOMES: Aston Villa, Sheffield United, Leicester, Wolves, Brentford, Plymouth, Carlisle, Aberdeen, Hearts, Forfar, Montrose, Queen of the South

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Aston Villa, Leicester, Wolves, Forfar, Queen of the South Aways: Portsmouth, Swansea, Crewe Draws: Barnsley, Grimsby, Wigan

☐ Vince Wright

Vince Wright forecast seven out of eight away selections last Saturday

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Semi-finals
10 30, 60 overs
HOVE: Sussex v Glamorgan
TAUNTON: Somerset v Warwickshire
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of two) Cheshire v Dorset (Boughton Hall).

FOOTBALL

7 30 unless stated

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP
Second round
Aberdeen v Clydebank .....
Airdrie v Cowdenbeath .....
Ayr v Motherwell .....
Brechin v St Mirren .....
Hamilton v Dundee Utd .....
Hibernian v Alloa .....
Kilmarnock v Morton .....
Meadowbank v Dundee .....
Stenhousemuir v Falkirk .....
Stirling v Celtic (at Partick FC) .....
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Belper Town v Derby (7 00), Blackpool v Manchester United (Marsden Cup final); Dunstable v Barnet; Tranmere v Everton, Nuneaton v Coventry; Braintree Town v Colchester United (7 45); Moor Green v Birmingham, Slough v Queens Park Rangers (Tony Knight testimonial), Stafford Rangers v Kalamata (Gr).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBA national championships (Worthing)
CYCLING: Kellogg's Tour of Britain (Cardiff to Swansea)
GOLF: Men's home internationals (Royal Liverpool).
YACHTING: Admiral's Cup Fastnet race

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 36

KIP

(a) A move or manoeuvre in gymnastics: "A kip is a vigorous and rapid extension of the hip joint for the purpose of developing momentum to raise the centre of gravity of the body. It may be performed on all events in gymnastics in one form or another... Kips may be performed forward (clockwise) or backward (counter-clockwise) with either the legs or the upper body as the moving part and the other as the stabilising part."

HARPUISBOS

(c) An evergreen shrub belonging to the genus *Euryops*, especially the resin-bush, *Euryops multifidus*, from the Afrikaans *harpuis* resin + *bos* bush: "We were again in danger of being burnt: a sea of flame raging on one side of the road, and consuming the resinous *harpuis* bushes with a roaring noise, audible a long way off."

CHARE

(b) Local dialect name for a narrow lane, alley, or wynd, in Newcastle and some neighbouring towns, also for some country lanes and field tracks, eg the three that converge at *Chare ends*, by the landing-place on Holy Island, perhaps connected with *chare* a turning: "The queer chares and closes, the wynds and lanes of Newcastle."

CRAW-CRAW

(b) A malignant species of pustulent itch, prevalent on the African coast, especially about Sierra Leone, apparently a Dutch Negro name, from the Dutch *kraauw* a scratch, *kraauw-en* to scratch or claw: "A bad kind of scabies, commonly called craw-craw, not confined to mankind; goats and other animals often die of it."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White's knights ran riot with 1 Qxc6 bxc6 2 Ndf6+! gxf6 3 Nxf6+ and 4 Nxe8.

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Hills gambles future on new stables

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

BARRY Hills wants to demolish his historic South Bank yard and build a £750,000 training complex a mile down the road in the Berkshire village of Lambourn.

The ambitious scheme hinges on receiving planning permission from Newbury District Council to erect two American-style barns with 82 boxes and, more importantly, to build four or five houses at South Bank to help pay for the project.

If the planners reject his dual application, Hills intends to retire from training.

"It will either happen or that will be it — I will retire," he said at Windsor yesterday. "It is something I am very definite on doing. I am not going to continue on as I am because I am not happy with the situation."

Hills's string of horses have been hit badly by sickness this season and last, and the frustration flowing from the illness has clearly contributed to his wish to move — or quit.

In addition, his horses are stabled in three separate yards up to a mile by road from his Lambourn gallops, which presents added day-to-day difficulties and unnecessary stress for the horses.

Hills wants to build the two barns — containing 44 boxes and 38 boxes — and an indoor school at Rosehill on the Faringdon Road leading out of Lambourn, which is adjacent to his gallops.

He would continue to live at South Bank from where he has sent out 1,400 winners, including Rheingold, winner of the 1973 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, and Tap On Wood, successful in the 1979 2,000 Guineas.

Hills, who set up as a trainer in 1969, after landing some massive bets on Frankincense in the previous year's Lincoln, has never been afraid to put his money where his mouth is, but he is now embarking on, arguably, his biggest gamble.

He added: "I am still very hungry and ambitious but things have not gone right recently with the health of the horses and I want to get them right.

"I have wonderful gallops and I want to build a yard to cope with the modern needs of racing, and get ahead of the game.

"I have been very successful and I want to get job satisfaction out of it. This is a step forward into the future and I want to be positive about it."

The new barns would be similar to those at Manton in Wiltshire, from where he trained 400 winners in four seasons for Robert Sangster, before returning to South Bank in 1991.

"I am also talking to Professor Webster at Bristol University about ventilation in the barns. The way forward is to try to control temperatures in these boxes to a big degree. I think the soaring changes in temperature are creating many of our problems."

Hills has taken out an option to purchase the land at Rosehill and he will be talking to planning officials in the next few days. He employs 57 staff and has an annual wages bill topping £1 million. "A lot of jobs are at stake," he stressed.

If his exciting scheme goes ahead, Hills hopes to transfer his horses from South Bank next spring.

The disclosure of the plans came as Hills ended 18 days without a winner when he sent out Major Success to capture the six-furlong Robert and Norah Wilmot Nursery at Windsor.

After his 22nd winner of the season, Hills said: "My horses have been out of form all year. They have not thrived and I am not happy. They have been sick and reinfecting themselves. It has been a constant battle over the years. The horses have not looked right and I have not been happy with them since the outset."

On a happier note, Hills had some good news of his high-class filly Yawl. The Lambourn trainer was bitterly disappointed when she finished tailed off in the Oaks in June, having started favourite. He said: "Yawl does her first piece of fast work since then on Wednesday and looks to be fine now."

He has booked Pat Eddery to ride Blues Traveller, third in the Derby, in the Juddmonte International Stakes at York next week.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: EIGHTANDAHALF
(5.15 Yarmouth)
Next best: Aberlady
(2.30 Bath)

JULIAN HERBERT



Ring master: Hills surrounded by his string at South Bank

Sarawat backed for Ebor

SARAWAT, trained by Reg Akehurst, was yesterday supported for the Tote Ebor Handicap at York later this month. Hills cut him from 33-1 to 20-1 in the wake of sustained backing, which included a bet of £33,000-£1,000.

The sponsors followed suit by trimming the five-year-old's odds to 20-1 after a bet of £500 each way at 25-1. Sarawat has run four times for Mary Reveley this term and will make his debut for Akehurst in the Ebor.

Muir has ambitious schedule for Averti

By Julian Muscat

SOME grand plans have been hatched for Averti, narrow winner of the Juniors Conditions Stakes over six furlongs at Windsor yesterday.

The unbeaten, twice-raced juvenile maintained the fine run of his trainer, Willie Muir, whose tenth winner of the season this was, and that of his sire, Warning, also responsible for the second, Torch Rouge.

After Richard Quinn had had to work hard to seize the race in the dying strides, Muir said his charge would have one more outing before tackling the group two Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury on September 18. "If Richard says he'll stay seven furlongs, we'll go for the Tattersalls Houghton Stakes after that," Muir said.

Although Torch Rouge can boast some decent form, Muir defended his colt's narrow margin of victory, suggesting that the loose ground did not suit Averti, who has a fluent action.

Barry Hills, trainer of Torch Rouge, enjoyed better fortune when Major Success showed far too much resolution for Prince Azzaan in the nursery.

Improved British showing answers criticism

By Craig Lord

BRITAIN finished fourth in the points table at the 21st European Swimming Championships at Sheffield thanks to performances that did much to blunt the sharp edges of cutting criticism after a poor show at the Olympic Games in Barcelona last year.

While the men prided themselves on one gold, three silver and two bronze medals, it was the women who showed the greater improvement, leaping from seventh two years ago to second behind Germany in the points table. That reflects a wider picture as it counts the performances of the top 16 in each event.

The national team applauded the home crowd, which appeared to provide, with euphoric chanting, the fuel that turns taking part into racing. Barbara Lancaster, the team manager, said: "Racing is the buzz word. Instead of just swimming, they really got in and raced."

She believed that now they had a taste for the race, there would be no turning back, either at Victoria for the Commonwealth games or Rome for the world championships next year.

Marie Hardiman, of Birmingham and winner of the bronze medal in the 200 metres breaststroke said: "There's no way I want to just make another team. I want to win." Such positive views came without the help of psychology, which proved to be a negative influence in Spain.

British women have failed to make a final at the last two Olympic Games, many stating openly that their aim was to "make the team" rather than excel once at the big event. But at Ponds Forge, 12 medals were won, including six bronze in women's events. That marked the highest total medal tally since Budapest in 1954, when two titles were won, as opposed to one at Sheffield. There were also 27 personal bests, while six British and three English records fell.

Key issues remain unresolved, however. Policies have not been set out for training camps immediately before big events, for which most swimmers openly declare a dislike. Nor is there word yet on whether Rome or Victoria is the next peak. Dave Haller, performance director at Sheffield, said it was "not my thinking" that Victoria should get the vote.

Gridiron's showcase pays price

By Robert Kirley

TWO hours before kick-off at the American Bowl on Sunday, when gridiron supporters were gathering for their annual dose of star-spangled entertainment, an enterprising chap draped an array of National Football League (NFL) gear on a wall at the bottom of the Olympic Way pedestrian ramp that leads to Wembley Stadium.

Two security men descended on him in a flash, but faster than you can say "unlicensed merchandise", the entrepreneur bundled up his wares and vanished. NFL product licence-holders get better protection than Tampa Bay quarterbacks.

The industry, designed to clothe Britain, if not the world, generates £60 million a year. If you wondered whether tumbling ticket sales and fading television ratings signified the death throes of the Wembley showcase, the sales figure speaks for itself.

Still, the league cannot ignore the attendance of 43,522 on Sunday, the lowest in the eight-year history of the game. Perhaps the recession is winning a war of attrition against a diversion that costs £15 to £35 a head.

On Sunday, the Dallas Cowboys, winners of the Super Bowl last January, drew 13-13 in overtime with the Detroit Lions. Lin Elliott, of Dallas, missed three field goals in the extra period.

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER
2.15 Monsignor Pat
2.45 Frosty Morning
3.15 Averti
3.45 Festin
4.15 Suris
4.45 Chilly Breeze
5.15 Briggsmaid

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Averti. 4.15 **SURIS** (nap). 5.15 Farmer's Pet.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 MARKET GATES CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,601: 1m 2f 21yd) (10 runners)

1 (3) 60410 MONSIGNOR PAT 10 (S) (M Poland) H Cecil 9-7 L Piggott 81
2 (2) 045006 COMMANCHE CREEK 15 (BF) (R Stokes) L Cumani 8-11 R Cochrane 87
3 (7) FRAGMENT (Lord Vestey) D Morley 8-11 W R Swinburn —
4 (10) 020162 SPARKY'S SONG 13 (D,F) (Mrs A Barwick) J Hills 8-6 W Carson 98
5 (5) 65-5515 BILLYBACK 12 (CD,F) (M Ryan) M Ryan 8-5 D Biggs 88
6 (6) 0-000 FASHIONABLE DANCER 67 (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-5 B Doyle (3) 87
7 (8) 10-0003 CLIBURNEL NEWS 10 (F,G) (East Lancs Newspapers) M Tompkins 8-2 P Robinson 87
8 (1) 0300 BALL GOWN 32 (J Greetham) C Lines 8-0 J Lowe [illegible]
9 (4) 022136 BARLEY CAKE 7 (D,BF,F) (W Dobson) T Fairhurst 7-10 J Fanning 90
10 (9) 0606 ROSE OF MEDINA 17 (J Napier) A Hide 7-10 C Hawksley (7) 94

BETTING: 5-2 Monsignor Pat, 7-2 Sparky's Song, 4-1 Commanche Creek, 6-1 Billyback, 8-1 Barley Cake, 12-1 Ball Gown, 16-1 others.

1992: RETENDER 3-8-13 L Dettori (9-4) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MONSIGNOR PAT 16l 7th of 9 to Grand Vitesse in a claimer at Goodwood (1m, good to soft). Previously, beat Dance To Order 1l in a 6-runner handicap at Nottingham (1m, soft). SPARKY'S SONG 3l 2nd of 7 to Seama in a claimer at Leicester (1m 2f, good). BILLYBACK beat Nomadic Fire a neck in a 7-runner selling handicap over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate run. CLIBURNEL NEWS 5l 3rd of 9 to OK Bertie in a claimer at Newmarket (7f, good). BALL GOWN 73l last of 7 to One Off The Rail in a handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m 4f). Earlier, 5l 3rd of 7 to Pondicherry in a maiden auction here (7f, good). BARLEY CAKE about 7l 6th of 9 to Le Temeraire in a seller at Redcar (1m 1f, good to firm). Earlier, dead-heated for 1st with Scottera in a 6-runner seller at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: BARLEY CAKE (nap)

2.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,209: 7f 3yd) (9 runners)

1 (1) 6-544 FROSTY MORNING 20 (A Saeed) C Brittain 3-9-13 M Roberts 90
2 (2) 0230-50 MAWAYED 24 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-6 W Carson [illegible]
3 (9) 324/400 ALPHONSO 15 (B) (Creber, Hennessy, Phillips) J Jenkins 4-9-4 R Cochrane 80
4 (7) 0-43232 NICHODOULA 11 (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 3-9-1 G Duffield 95
5 (5) 050082 HAZY KAY 7 (B) (T Brady) P Kelleway 3-9-1 Gay Kelleway 95
6 (3) 505430 GUESSTIMATION 7 (B) (Quintet Partnership) J Pearce 4-8-10 G Bardwell 98
7 (6) 0/0/00 DUNNAGLASS 125J (T Arnold) P Butler 6-8-1 L Newton (5) —
8 (8) 0004 TOCCO JEWEL 13 (Mrs M Ryan) M Ryan 3-8-0 D Biggs 98
9 (4) 000000 CAMINO A RONDA 9 (J Li) Pat Mitchell 4-7-7 Kim McDonnell (7) —

Long handicap: Camino A Ronda 7-6

BETTING: 3-1 Frosty Morning, 7-2 Nichodoula, 5-1 Hazy Kay, 6-1 Mawayed, 8-1 Guesstimation, Tocco Jewel, 14-1 Alphonso, 25-1 others.

1992: SHINING JEWEL 5-10-0 L Piggott (11-4) Mrs L Piggott 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

FROSTY MORNING 7¾l 4th of 10 to East Liberty in a handicap at Doncaster (1m, good). NICHODOULA 2l 2nd of 8 to Azola in a maiden at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). HAZY KAY neck 2nd of 15 to Mediand in a maiden at Brighton (7f, firm). GUESSTIMATION 7l 9th of 14 to Pusey Street Boy in an amateur riders' handicap at Redcar (7f, good to firm). Previously, 2l 3rd of 11 to Sir Oliver in a maiden handicap here (6f, good). TOCCO JEWEL 9l 4th of 5 to He's A King in a handicap at Leicester (1m, good).
Selection: FROSTY MORNING

3.15 HOPTON HOLIDAY VILLAGE FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,308 7f 3yd) (7 runners)

1 (4) 1 AVERTI 14 (D,S) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery [illegible]
2 (3) 41 KISSINTHEBACKROW 46 (F) (C Wright) J Hills 9-0 W Carson 88
3 (7) 165 THREATENING 45 (G) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 9-0 G Bardwell 95
4 (1) DANCE TO THE TOP (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-10 R Cochrane —
5 (2) 3 LEOPARDESS 18 (Mrs S Rogers) C Brittain 8-10 M Roberts 96
6 (5) SARIYAA (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 8-10 W R Swinburn —
7 (6) YAWATTA (M Parrish) J Troy 8-10 L Piggott —

BETTING: 10-11 Averti, 4-1 Leopardess, 9-2 Sariyaa, 8-1 Threatening, 12-1 Dance To The Top, 14-1 others.

1992: AJFAN 8-9 R Hills (5-2) H Thomson Jones 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

AVERTI beat Arecibo ¾l in a 12-runner maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). KISSINTHEBACKROW beat Callabonna a neck in an 8-runner maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, good to firm). THREATENING about 4¾l 5th of 9 to Snipe Hall in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). Earlier, beat Impressible ½l in a 14-runner maiden auction at Newmarket (6f, good). LEOPARDESS 6¼l 3rd of 8 to Stallicant in a maiden at Ascot (6f, good). SARIYAA (Mar 11). First foal of a daughter of 1,000 Guineas winner Ma Biche.
Selection: THREATENING

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	31	85	36.5	Pat Eddery	14	42	33.3
A Stewart	15	56	26.8	P Robinson	10	56	17.9
R Boss/Bastiman	5	21	23.8	L Piggott	10	57	17.5
M Stoute	17	83	20.5	M Roberts	35	214	16.4
J Eustace	3	17	17.6	W Carson	7	49	14.3
W Haggas	8	46	17.4	W Woods	5	35	14.3

3.45 HOLIDAY PLAYGROUND SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,637: 1m 3yd) (14 runners)

1 (6) 362003 WALK THAT WALK 27 (G) (M Foolger) K Wingrove 4-10-0 T Wall 93
2 (9) 21-0042 PONTEVECCHIO MODA 6 (B,C,F,S) (The Five W's) W Jarvis 3-9-5 W Carson 90
3 (7) 0-00541 MULLED ALE 25 (D,F) (W Bridge) C Wall 3-9-3 G Duffield 92
4 (11) 0-42224 STRIKE-A-POSE 13 (F,G) (U Liner Services Ltd) C Williams 3-8-3 L Piggott 98
5 (13) 520005 FESTIN 7 (J McMurdo) P Haslam 3-9-1 R Cochrane 91
6 (7) 030525 B B GLEN 18 (BF) (D Morris) D Morris 3-8-12 C Hodgson (3) 92
7 (8) 00-0063 LITTLE PARK 19 (Mrs S Stevens) C Williams 4-8-11 W R Swinburn 92
8 (5) 5460 FILOU FILANT 13 (A Reid) J Jenkins 3-8-11 M Roberts [illegible]
9 (2) 000 O SO NEET 29 (Roalco Ltd) M Tompkins 3-8-9 P Robinson —
10 (10) 464-000 ANOTHER KINGDOM 12 (F,G) (Charlcombe Stables) P Howling 3-8-4 J Quinn 92
11 (12) 560-550 JENDORCET 34 (V) (Mrs P Garthwaite) T Fairhurst 3-8-4 J Fanning 93
12 (4) 0000-50 LETTERMORE 52 (W Legard) Mrs M Reveley 3-7-12 J Lowe 89
13 (3) 400004 SPECIAL RISK 15 (C Owen) M Bell 3-7-11 D Biggs 95
14 (14) 000-000 WHO'S TOM 50 (T Lattimore) W Musson 3-7-10 G Bardwell 90

BETTING: 4-1 Strike-A-Pose, 5-1 Mulled Ale, 6-1 Festin, 7-1 Little Park, 8-1 Filou Filant, Special Risk, 10-1 Walk That Walk, 12-1 Lettermore, 14-1 Pontevecchio Moda, 16-1 others.

1992: JOSEPH'S WINE 3-8-8 R Hills (4-1 jt-fav) R Bastiman 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WALK THAT WALK neck and 1½l 3rd of 8 to Samsolom in a handicap here (6f, good to firm). PONTEVECCHIO MODA 3l 2nd of 7 to The Little Ferret in a claimer at Brighton (1m, firm). MULLED ALE beat Maax Monarch a short head in an 8-runner selling handicap at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). STRIKE-A-POSE 2½l 4th of 12 to Formal Affair in claimer at Epsom (1m 114yd, good) with FILOU FILANT (11lb better off) 6½l 7th. Earlier, 1l 2nd of 8 to Shining Jewel in claimer over course and distance (firm). B B GLEN 2¼l 2nd of 16 to Essex Girl in seller at Leicester (1m, good) on penultimate start with FILOU FILANT (5lb better off) 11½l 6th. LITTLE PARK head and 1l 3rd of 19 to Yonge Tender in a selling handicap over course and distance (good). SPECIAL RISK about 3½l 4th of 14 to Bronze Maquette in a maiden handicap at Southwell (1m 2f, good).
Selection: STRIKE-A-POSE

4.15 MANSHIP MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,080: 6f 3yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 002 BRAVE EDGE 9 (C Peyt) R Hannon 9-0 W Carson 91
2 (5) 0 CYCLONE 50 (E Spillans) M Tompkins 9-0 P Robinson —
3 (3) 46 DALWOOD 15 (S Alf) W Haggas 9-0 M Roberts [illegible]
4 (4) 3 SURIS 41 (Scotena Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-0 R Cochrane —
5 (1) 0 VLAMINCK 18 (R Collins) A Stewart 9-0 A McGlone 95
6 (2) 6 MILLRIDGE 87 (Bradmill Ltd) R Guest 8-9 L Piggott —

BETTING: 5-4 Brave Edge, 7-4 Suris, 8-1 Dalwood, 10-1 Vlaminck, 14-1 Cyclone, 20-1 Millridge.

1992: LOST SOLDIER 9-0 L Dettori (7-2) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAVE EDGE 4l 2nd of 10 to Averti in a maiden at Lingfield (6f, good). CYCLONE 18l 14th of 21 to Bluegrass Prince in a maiden auction at Windsor (6f, good). DALWOOD 2¼l 6th of 15 to Persian Affair in a maiden auction at Southwell (7f, good to firm). SURIS head and a neck 3rd of 6 to Ashoka in a conditions race at San Siro, Milan (6f, firm). VLAMINCK 7l 7th of 9 to Persian Elite in a maiden auction at Yarmouth (7f, good to firm). MILLRIDGE 17¾l 6th of 7 to The Fernhill Flyer in a maiden auction at Southwell (5f, AW).
Selection: SURIS

4.45 FILBY BRIDGE HANDICAP (£2,950: 5f 43yd) (9 runners)

1 (9) 0-30001 SUPER ROCKY 11 (D,F) (I Barker) R Bastiman 4-10-0 H Bastiman (7) 93
2 (4) 102233 CHILLY BREEZE 17 (G) (P Goulandris) M Prescott 3-9-9 G Duffield 94
3 (5) 231060 TRIOMING 5 (D,F) (A King) A Jones 7-9-6 Pat Eddery 98
4 (2) 000156 STORMY HEIGHTS 3 (B,D,F) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 3-9-5 M Roberts 96
5 (6) 412000 COCKERHAM RANGER 43 (D,F,G) (M Parrish) J Troy 3-9-4 W R Swinburn 97
6 (7) 000-266 JESS REBEC 6 (D,F) (B Stokes) J Banks 5-9-1 J Quinn 91
7 (3) 406005 JOE SUGDEN 6 (CD,F,G,S) (P Davies) P Howling 9-8-6 R Cochrane 98
8 (1) 000036 SKI CAPTAIN 13 (CD,F,G,S) (A Barnett) P Howling 9-8-6 D Biggs 96
9 (8) 004002 BRISAS 8 (F,G) (V,D) (B Cann) T Fairhurst 6-7-7 J Fanning [illegible]

Long handicap: Brisas 7-4.

BETTING: 7-2 Chilly Breeze, 9-2 Brisas, 5-1 Super Rocky, 7-1 Stormy Heights, 8-1 Ski Captain, 10-1 Cockerham Ranger, Trioming, 16-1 Joe Sugden 20-1 Jess Rebec

1992: SPRING HIGH 5-9-1 G Bardwell (85-40 fav) K Ivory 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUPER ROCKY beat Kabcast 2l in a 4-runner handicap at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm). CHILLY BREEZE 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Join The Clan in a handicap at Leicester (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. TRIOMING best recent effort last month when beating Rickys Tornado 4l in a 6-runner apprentice handicap at Bath (5f, firm). STORMY HEIGHTS best recent effort when beating No Extras in a 10-runner handicap at Sandown (5f, good to firm). JESS REBEC 8¾l 6th of 9 to Food Of Love in a handicap at Nottingham (5f, good). SKI CAPTAIN 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Maeson Times in a handicap at Yarmouth (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: CHILLY BREEZE

5.15 EAST COAST HANDICAP (£3,435: 1m 6f 17yd) (8 runners)

1 (1) 060141 FARMER'S PET 19 (CD,F,G,S) (D Midwood) G P-Gordon 4-10-0 W R Swinburn 94
2 (2) 021211 NORTHERN GRADUATE 15 (F,G) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 95
3 (7) 116424 MISS PIN UP 38 (D,BF,F,G) (E Baldwin) Pat Mitchell 4-9-10 D Biggs 97
4 (5) 000101 EIGHTANDAHALF 7 (D,F) (M Burrowes) B Beasley 4-8-12 (4ex) J Fortune 97
5 (4) 500134 HOOSIE 26 (D,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-7 M Roberts 98
6 (3) 3-16600 FOREVER SHINEING 11 (S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 3-8-5 Sarah Thompson (7) 94
7 (6) 2-05223 FOOLS ERRAND 10 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 3-8-4 A McGlone [illegible]
8 (8) 420234 BRIGGSMAID 17 (CD,F,G) (F Briggs/Park Lane Racing) J Eustace 5-7 13 W Carson 97

BETTING: 3-1 Eightandahalf, 7-2 Northern Graduate, 9-2 Farmer's Pet, 6-1 Briggsmaid, Fools Errand, 8-1 Miss Pin Up, 10-1 Hoosie, 14-1 others

1992: BRIGGSMAID 4-9-0 M Tebbutt (3-1) J Eustace 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARMER'S PET beat Alimosa 1l in an 18-runner amateur riders' handicap at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to firm) with EIGHTANDAHALF (2lb worse off) 10l 8th. NORTHERN GRADUATE beat Hierarch a head in a 5-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m 4f, good to firm). MISS PIN UP best recent effort when beating Deuce in a 17-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m 6f, good). HOOSIE 11l 4th of 6 to Ducky Point in a handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, soft). Earlier, beat Meant To Be ¾l in a 7-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m 6f, good to soft). FOOLS ERRAND 1½l 3rd of 6 to Day Of History in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good to soft). BRIGGSMAID 2½l 4th of 8 to Merry Nutkin in an amateur riders' handicap at Ayr (1m 5f, good to firm).
Selection: BRIGGSMAID

BATH

THUNDERER
2.00 Mexican Dancer. 2.30 Aberlady. 3.00 So Sedulous. 3.30 Hunting Ground. 4.00 Shalholme. 4.30 Thriving. 5.00 Jade Vale.
Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.00 CAPE PIGEON.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.00 AUGUST SELLING STAKES
(£2,553: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

1 3513 CAPE PIGEON 7 (B,BF,F,S) L Cottrell 8-9-1 D Holland 2
2 5065 DON'T GIVE UP 10 (B,BF,F) R Bennett 5-9-1 W Newnes 6
3 6100 GREEN'S STUBBS 10 (V,D,F) A Barrow 5-9-1 N Carlisle 16
4 2803 SHALOU 10 (B,F) R Hodges 4-9-1 L Dettori 14
5 0500/ TODAY'S FANCY 574J (B) P Burgoyne 5-9-1 M Wigham 10
6 0-60 BROOKS EXPRESS 11 R Akehurst 4-8-10 T Quinn 4
7 40 GATHERING 43 M Bradstock 4-8-10 J Williams 5
8 30-00 MAN OF THE SEASON 22 J Akehurst 4-8-10 J Reid 11
9 4000 MEXICAN DANCER 22 (D,G,S) P Howling 4-8-10 K Darley 8
10 DAWN POPPY R Hodges 5-8-5 S Drowne (7) 13
11 HARVEST ROSE D O'Neill 4-8-5 A Clark 18
12 /000- MING BLUE 95J J Bradley 4-8-5 Mark Denaro (7) 7
13 3605 TAKE THE MICK 12 (B) S Mellor 3-8-5 C Rutter 17
14 0050 TOUT DE VAL 22 K Bishop 4-8-5 R Perham 12
15 0040 GROGFRYN 47 C Popham 3-8-0 A Tucker 9
16 55 HAPPY TUPPENCE 6 C Hill 3-8-0 S Dawson 15
17 0500 LEGAL RISK 11 (V) D Haydn Jones 3-8-0 A Mackay 3
18 OVER THE SUN K Walls 3-8-0 N Adams 1

8-11 Cape Pigeon, 6-1 Man Of The Season, 7-1 Mexican Dancer, 8-1 Take The Mick, 10-1 Brooks Express, 12-1 Shalou, 16-1 Legal Risk, 20-1 Don't Give Up, Grogfryn, 25-1 others.

2.30 LUCKINGTON LIMITED STAKES
(£2,833: 5f 11yd) (20)

1 1005 ELTON LEDGER 12 (F,G) A Scott 4-9-7 J Tate (5) 11
2 3310 FARMER JOCK 13 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 11-9-7 L Dettori 14
3 0000 SEAMERE 8 (B,D,F,G) B Cambidge 10-9-7 D Wright (5) 2
4 0050 AIR COMMAND 61 (CD,G) R Hodges 3-9-3 S Drowne (7) 7
5 00-0 CLARE'S BOY 105 J Bradley 3-9-3 Mark Denaro (7) 9
6 0000 JEREMIAHS BOY 22 (B,CD,S) R Hodges 3-9-3 J Williams 4
7 2054 PURBECK CENTENARY 22 (D,G) P Howling 3-9-3 L Carter (7) 10
8 2003 VISIMOTION 6 (V) M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-3 D Holland 15
9 404- BEVELED EDGE 384 B Palling 4-8-2 A Clark 18
10 0-60 DOUBLE SHIFT 7 B Millman 4-8-2 S Whitworth 1
11 0-20 JUCEA 18 (BF) J Spearing 4-8-2 A Mackay 17
12 2641 MARTINA 8 (D,F,G,S) G Lewis 5-9-2 Paul Eddery 16
13 340- RAYS MEAD 321 (D,F) L Holt 5-9-2 C Avery 12
14 6050 SHADES OF JADE 6 (D,F) J Bridger 5-9-2 T Williams 20
15 5-26 ABERLADY 19 (D,BF,F,G) M Jarvis 3-8-12 K Rutter (5) 6
16 4044 BELMONT PRINCESS 13 A Jones 3-8-12 Stephen Davies (5) 13
17 800- IT BITES 368 A James 3-8-12 S Dawson 3
18 005 JEAN BRODIE 22 H Howe 3-8-12 N Varley (7) 19
19 3130 THE ORDINARY GIRL 10 (V,D,G) T Casey 3-8-12 J Reid 8
20 1251 TREVORSNINEPOINTS 7 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-12 K Darley 5

4-1 Trevorsninepoints, 9-2 Martina, 6-1 Visimotion, 7-1 Elton Ledger, 8-1 Aberlady, 10-1 Jucea, The Ordinary Girl, 12-1 Farmer Jock, 14-1 Seamere, Purbeck Centenary, 16-1 Belmont Princess, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J King, 7 winners from 18 runners, 38.9%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Jarvis, 3 from 10, 30%; B Hills, 19 from 78, 24.4%; G Lewis, 12 from 52, 23.1%; D Arbuthnot, 7 from 35, 20%.
JOCKEYS: Stephen Davies, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; J Reid, 24 from 115, 20.9%; K Darley, 4 from 23, 17.4%; T Quinn, 22 from 129, 17.1%; Paul Eddery, 10 from 61, 16.4%; R Hills, 6 from 46, 13%.

3.00 TRIPLEPRINT MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,669: 5f) (12)

1 3 DEVOTEE 10 P Walwyn 8-11 Paul Eddery 11
2 EHTFAAL H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 7
3 U036 FOLLY FINNESSE 31 B Millman 8-11 S Whitworth 3
4 6 JANE HERRING 99 R Hodges 8-11 S Drowne (7) 8
5 0 MILLION LIGHTS 10 R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 9
6 NAWAFELL A Scott 8-11 J Tate (5) 10
7 0 RAISA POINT 71 P Makin 8-11 T Quinn 6
8 REASON TO DANCE D Elsworth 8-11 A Mackay 4
9 SALANKA R Johnson Houghton 8-11 K Darley 12
10 04 SHALBOURNE 61 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid 1
11 5 SO SEDULOUS 33 G Wragg 8-11 M Hills 5
12 VENUS VICTORIOUS J Hills 8-11 J Williams 2

7-4 Devotee, 5-2 So Sedulous, 5-1 Ehtfaal, 8-1 Million Lights, Reason To Dance, 12-1 Shalbourne, 14-1 Nawafell, 16-1 others.

3.30 BBC RADIO BRISTOL HANDICAP
(£3,201: 2m 1l 34yd) (9)

1 2335 SWORD MASTER 4 (C,G) Bob Jones 4-9-10 N Day 5
2 0405 FRENCH IVY 49 (D,F,G) Mrs A King 6-9-9 D Holland 4
3 5284 SPECTACULAR DAWN 28 (F,S) J Dunlop 4-9-9 J Reid 3
4 4113 MONARDA 31 (C,BF,F,G,S) P Cole 6-9-4 T Quinn 7
5 1135/ CALGARY REDEYE 704 (F,G) Mrs J Retter 6-9-2 J Williams 2
6 2215 CHUCKLESTONE 18 (CD,F,G) J King 10-9-1 Paul Eddery 6
7 5111 HUNTING GROUND 6 (B,F,G) A Bailey 5-8-3 (4ex) A Mackay 9
8 2300 BARCHAM 3 (BF,F) D Wilson 6-7-7 D Wright (5) 8
9 0150 RICH PICKINGS 19 (F) D R Tucker 4-7-7 N Adams 1

3-1 Chucklestone, 7-2 Hunting Ground, 5-1 Monarda, 6-1 Spectacular Dawn, 7-1 Sword Master, 10-1 Barcham, 12-1 French Ivy, 20-1 others.

4.00 PENNSYLVANIA CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,434: 1m 3l 144yd) (6)

1 3124 BILJAN 24 (BF,F) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 3
2 0405 BOLTROSE 18 (V) K White 8-11 N Adams 2
3 0145 HEART OF SPAIN 22 (G,S) P Makin 8-11 W Newnes 5
4 5555 GALEJADE 7 D Haydn Jones 8-4 J Williams 1
5 8300 SANTA STELLAR 17 M Heaton-Ellis 7-13 Dale Gibson 4
6 5001 SHALHOLME 17 (D,G) P Murphy 7-13 C Rutter 6

2-1 Biljan, 11-4 Heart Of Spain, 4-1 Shalholme, 6-1 Santa Stellar, 10-1 others.

4.30 MILE MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,959: 1m 5yd) (18)

1 2062 HALBERT 7 R Hannon 4-10-0 Wendy Jones (7) 18
2 0230 IJAB 17 (B) A Scott 3-9-9 R Hills 4
3 6665 THRIVING 20 J Fanshawe 3-9-6 J Reid 11
4 0-26 CASTING SHADOWS 5 B Hills 4-9-2 D Holland 17
5 0400 IRISH DOMINION 10J (V) D R Tucker 3-9-1 R Perham 7
6 U643 MY MINNIE 12 R Hodges 3-8-11 T Sprake 1
7 3050 SUPERENSIS 7 W Muir 3-8-11 W Newnes 3
8 0000 ALMOSTAUTOMATIC 12 R Curtis 4-8-8 N Day 14
9 45/00 BLUE TAIL 10 P Butler 5-8-6 S Drowne (7) 8
10 0-00 GLISSO 12 M Pipe 3-8-6 J Williams 15
11 0000/ MISS CRUSTY 858 O O'Neill 5-8-3 N Adams 6
12 0800 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 15 J Sutcliffe 3-8-0 C Rutter 10
13 0600 SIMON ELLIS 32 D Laing 4-8-0 T Williams 9
14 0560 SHARP IMP 32 R Flower 3-7-11 Dale Gibson 12
15 -000 EASY TOUCH 15 (V) D Haydn Jones 3-7-10 A Mackay 16
16 0-050 VIS-A-VIS 7 D Arbuthnot 4-7-10 N Varley (7) 5
17 0606 EISHRELA 28 B Millman 3-7-10 D Wright (5) 2
18 P600 OLIVIA VAL 61 C Hill 3-7-10 N Carlisle 13

9-2 Casting Shadows, 6-1 Thriving, 8-1 Sally Of The Alley, Halbert, 9-1 Superensis, 10-1 Glisso, My Minnie, 12-1 Ijab, 14-1 others.

5.00 ASHWICK APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£2,884: 1m 5yd) (4)

1 1050 JADE VALE 17 (D,F,G,S) J Hills 4-10-0 F Norton 3
2 2115 GRAN SENORUM 28 (B,D,G) P Cole 3-9-10 T G McLaughlin (3) 4
3 1331 SET THE FASHION 13 (V,D,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-12 D Harrison 1
4 0202- NOEL 290 J O'Shea 4-8-7 D Wright 2

5-4 Jade Vale, 11-8 Set The Fashion, 4-1 Gran Senorum, 16-1 Noel.

CATTERICK

THUNDERER
6.00 Komplicity. 6.25 Jimmy The Skunk. 6.50 North Ardar. 7.20 Another Episode. 7.50 Dominant Serenade. 8.20 FIRST BID (nap).

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

6.00 TATTERSALLS BOOKMAKERS SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,057: 7f) (13 runners)

1 3450 KOMPLICITY 10 Bob Jones 8-11 N Connorton 7
2 03 MONSIEUR BLEU 11 Miss L Perratt 8-11 J Weaver 8
3 2128 PASSION SUNDAY 25 (D,F) M H Easterby 8-11 K Darley 9
4 UCKERBY LAD W Barker 8-11 S Webster 6
5 006 ASTROLOGY 21 E Incisa 8-6 Kim Tinkler 3
6 4635 BRAMCOTE CENTURY 11 J Hetherton 8-6 O Pears (3) 11
7 002 CELESTIAL DANCE 17 J Berry 8-6 J Carroll 10
8 346 GREEK NIGHT OUT 34 M Johnston 8-6 Dean McKeown 1
9 6 GRETELS PET 27 (V) J Botomley 8-6 L Charnock 5
10 62 MACAROON LADY 66 N Bycroft 8-6 Alex Greaves 2
11 000 MAZINA 14 R Whitaker 8-6 K Fallon 4
12 00 MINBAR 6 J Wainwright 8-6 S Maloney (3) 13
13 623 MISS FREEBIE 17 R Whitaker 8-6 A Culhane 12

9-4 Passion Sunday, 3-1 Celestial Dance, 4-1 Greek Night Out, 8-1 Komplicity, Monsieur Bleu, 12-1 Miss Freebie, 14-1 Bramcote Century, 16-1 Macaroon Lady, 20-1 Mazina, Gretels Pet, 25-1 others

6.25 ABI AND ROPERS CARAVAN WORLD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,978: 5f 212yd) (10)

1 6544 TOP SHOW 11 (B) K Hogg 9-7 J Weaver 2
2 1045 RAVEN'S RETURN 19 (S) R Hollinshead 9-4 S Perks 10
3 6233 MISS MAH-JONG 25 (S) M Johnston 9-1 Dean McKeown 4
4 1361 JIMMY THE SKUNK 19 (D,F,S) J Berry 8-12 J Carroll 1
5 4341 MISTER BEAT 13 (D,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-12 O Pears (3) 5
6 4332 SPRING LOADED 19 Mrs M Reveley 8-6 K Darley 3
7 405 DOUBLE SIXTEEN 13 Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 S Maloney (3) 6
8 0010 STORM REGENT 8 (D,G) S Woods 8-0 W Woods 8
9 0043 MIGHTY KINGDOM 22 (B) R Spicer 7-9 L Charnock 9
10 0400 CREEK VALLEY 11 Mrs J Ramsden 7-8 Darren Moffatt (5) 7

2-1 Jimmy The Skunk, 4-1 Mister Beat, 5-1 Spring Loaded, 8-1 Double Sixteen, Miss Mah-Jong, 12-1 Storm Regent, 14-1 Top Show, 16-1 others.

6.50 CHARLES CLINKARD FINE FOOTWEAR HANDICAP (£2,709: 7f) (7)

1 3014 MCA BELOW THE LINE 10 (V,CD,F,G,S) W Barker 5-10-0 S Webster 7
2 0410 LADY SABO 8 (F) R Spicer 4-9-11 E Husband (7) 6
3 1331 NORTH ARDAR 13 (CD,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-8 Dean McKeown 4
4 3330 MISSED THE BOAT 10 (B) T Barron 3-8-10 K Darley 3
5 2250 MANX MONARCH 10 K Hogg 3-8-7 A Garth (5) 2
6 0040 ROYAL COMEDIAN 19 B Murray 4-8-5 O Pears (3) 5
7 0304 COOL ENOUGH 19 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 12-8-1 S Maloney (3) 1

9-4 North Ardar, 11-4 MCA Below The Line, 7-2 Cool Enough, 6-1 Lady Sabo, 8-1 Manx Monarch, 12-1 others.

7.20 NORTHERN AGGREGATES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,301: 5f) (5)

1 000-3 GIPSY FIDDLER 14 (V,D,F,G,S) J Glover 5-9-7 Dean McKeown 1
2 0622 DRUM SERGEANT 14 (B,D,F,S) J Parkes 6-9-4 J Weaver 3
3 3203 ANOTHER EPISODE 13 (CD,F,G,S) J Berry 4-9-1 P Roberts (7) 2
4 0006 GEMINI FIRE 27 (CD,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-9-1 A Culhane 4
5 0004 SIGAMA 15 (D,F) F Lee 7-9-0 N Kennedy (3) 5

9-4 Gipsy Fiddler, 3-1 Drum Sergeant, 7-2 Another Episode, 13-2 Sigama, 14-1 Gemini Fire.

7.50 THORNTON STUD MAIDEN HANDICAP
(£2,469: 1m 7f 177yd) (9)

1 4203 MR WOODCOCK 19 Mrs M Reveley 8-9-10 K Darley 5
2 4636 DOMINANT SERENADE 17 M Hammond 4-9-6 Dean McKeown 8
3 2250 MOUNTAIN WILLOW 17 Mrs V Aconley 3-9-1 O Pears (3) 2
4 500- HAUT-BRION 200J W Storey 4-8-11 Alex Greaves 4
5 0003 INVISIBLE ARMOUR 17 P Haslam 4-8-8 J Weaver 6
6 36-3 SCALP 'EM 14 P Evans 5-8-7 L Charnock 9
7 0664 DON'T CRY 3 E Incisa 5-7-12 Kim Tinkler 7
8 5404 NANCY 17 (B) W Elsey 3-7-12 Claire Balding (7) 1
9 5504 INOVAR 17 C Booth 3-7-10 N Kennedy (3) 3

7-4 Mr Woodcock, 5-2 Dominant Serenade, 5-1 Invisible Armour, 6-1 Scalp 'Em, 10-1 Nancy, 12-1 Don't Cry, 20-1 others.

8.20 OKAY-BUSTER AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,110: 1m 4f 44yd) (12)

1 2034 FIRST BID 10 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 6-12-0 S Whitaker 2
2 /00-4 SRIVIJAYA 73J (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-13 M Buckley 6
3 -000 BORING 8 (D,F) W Storey 4-11-10 Miss S Storey (5) 10
4 0160 CARROLLS MARC 3 (CD,G) P Haslam 5-11-8 Mrs L Pearce 7
5 /000- VALIANT WARRIOR 243J (D,S) M Hammond 5-11-5 Miss Kate Milligan (5) 1
6 0512 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 3 (G) S Dow 3-11-0 T Cuff 8
7 3456 DUGGAN 12 (CD,F,G) P Evans 6-10-10 W McLaughlin 3
8 20/00 AS D'EBOLI 71J (CD,F) M Hammond 6-10-9 C Bonner 9
9 4323 NOT YET 15 (BF,F,G) E Weymes 9-10-8 J Weymes 4
10 3262 SHARE A MOMENT 4 R Hollinshead 3-10-7 Miss J Southall 12
11 326- MARANDISA 207J (D,F) M Wane 6-10-6 R D Green 11
12 2550 HYDROPIC 15 D Chapman 6-9-7 Miss R Clark (5) 5

7-2 Sir Thomas Beecham, 9-2 Duggan, 11-2 First Bid, 6-1 Not Yet, 7-1 Carrolls Marc, 8-1 Share A Moment, 10-1 Srivijaya, 12-1 Boring, 16-1 As D'Eboli, 20-1 Hydropic, 25-1 Marandisa, Valiant Warrior

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 12 winners from 55 runners, 21.8%; T Barron, 22 from 124, 17.7%; M Hammond, 3 from 17, 17.6%; J Berry, 31 from 188, 16.5%; P Haslam, 3 from 20, 15%; M Naughton, 7 from 54, 13%.
JOCKEYS: K Darley, 33 winners from 181 rides, 18.2%; O Pears, 8 from 44, 18.2%; J Carroll, 29 from 160, 18.1%; Alex Greaves, 10 from 64, 15.6%; J Weaver, 6 from 40, 15%; N Connorton, 10 from 68, 14.7%.

Blinkered first time

YARMOUTH: 2.45 Alphonso. 3.45 Pontevecchio Moda, Jendorcet. BATH: 2.30 Visimotion. 4.0 Boltrose. 4.30 Ijab, Irish Dominion. 5.0 Gran Senorum. CATTERICK BRIDGE: 6.0 Gretels Pet. 7.20 Gipsy Fiddler

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RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Windsor

Going: good to firm

2.30 (1m 3f 135yd) 1, KIAWAH (N Varley, 5-2); 2, Vanborough Lad (J Reid, 15-8); 3, 4 fav), 2, Noted Strain (Pat Eddery, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 20 Fortune Star (4th), Jeletica (5th), Petite June (6th), 40 Absolutely Humming. 7 ran. ¾l, 12l, 1½l, 1l, 15l. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.00. CSF £4.11. No bid

3.00 (5f 217yd) 1, MAJOR SUCCESS (D Holland, 9-1); 2, Prince Azzaan (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 3, Alcove (L Dettori, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Dancing Lawyer (6th), 7 Kingswell Prince (4th), 9 Cabcharge Princess, 12 Rapier Point (5th), 16 Knightrider, Ginger-Sun Chief, 20 Broughtons Partner. 11 ran. 1l, 3l, nk, 2½l, 2½l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £1.80, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £10.30. Trio: £15.50. CSF: £23.00. Tricast: £66.44.

3.30 (5f 217yd) 1, AVERTI (T Quinn, Evens fav); 2, Torch Rouge (D Holland, 15-8); 3, Battling Blue (Pat Eddery, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Knave's Ash (4th), 16 Beaufete (5th), 66 Royal Interpreter (6th). 6 ran. Hd, 8l, 3l, 3½l, 6l. W Muir at Lambourn. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £1.40. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.33.

4.00 (1m 2f 7yd) 1, SANTANA LADY (Ruth Coulter, 4-1); 2, Gliderdale (B Doyle, 13-2); 3, Port Sunlight (D O'Neill, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Wings Cove (4th), 9 Brown Carpet (5th), Rive-Jumelle, 10 Song Of Sixpence (6th), Pigalle Wonder, 14 Camoo, 16 Bronze Runner. 10 ran. 4l, 1½l, 1½l, 2½l, 1½l. M Heaton-Ellis at Wroughton. Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £10.40. Trio: £7.70. CSF: £31.09. Tricast: £63.66.

4.30 (1m 67yd) 1, REINE DE NEIGE (W R Swinburn, 11-4); 2, Village Green (B Doyle, 16-1); 3, Cambara (W Carson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Arvola (4th), 4 Valora, 7 Cuff Link (6th), 16 Dubai Summer, On The Ledge, Welsh Heritage, 20 Royal Manoevre, 25 Remember This, Silk Island, Words Of Wisdom (5th), 33 Cuckmere Venture, Riz Biz, 50 Garry's Choice, The Power Of One, Ivory Hutch, Buy By Night, Dede Diamond, Joan's Gift. 21 ran. 2l, 1l, 3½l, 1l, ¾l. A Scott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £4.10, £3.70. DF: £64.70. CSF: £53.58.

5.00 (1m 67yd) 1, KNOBBLEENEEZE (S Whitworth, 16-1); 2, Smart Teacher (G Hind, 6-1); 3, Lochore (A Tucker, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Mr Cube (4th), 4 Akhlek, 8 Walnut Burl, Secret Assignment, Spring Sunrise, 12 Murphy's Hope (5th), 16 Bichette (6th), Jakb. 11 ran. Sh hd, 3½l, ¾l, 4l, 2l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £19.30; £4.00, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £108.80. Trio: £477.50. CSF: £110.40. Tricast: £605.11.

5.30 (1m 67yd) 1, STELLA MYSTIKA (M Roberts, 11-8 fav); 2, Ekosha (M Hills, 2-1); 3, First Veil (W Carson, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Self Assured (4th). 4 ran. 2l, ¾l, 10l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.47.

Placepot: £45.30.

Worcester

Going: good to firm (good in places)

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, CASHABLE (S Smith Eccles, 13-2); 2, Gleam Of Gold (D Meredith, 20-1); 3, Slan Wyn (R Supple, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 lav Minteen (4th), 11-2 Kutan, Duke Of Budworth, 8 Clar Dubh (pu), Doctor-J, 10 Flying Amy, 12 Woodlands Electric, 25 Solar Knight (5th), 33 Annie Rose (pu), Kennington Protón (6th). 13 ran. 5l, ¾l, 10l, 2½l, nk. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £5.90; £2.30, £5.40, £2.10. DF: £61.10. CSF: £115.44

2.45 (2m ch) 1, FASTBIT (N Williamson, 5-1); 2, At Peace (A Maguire, 13-8 fav); 3, Weekday Cross (S Smith Eccles, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Crafty Chaplain (5th), 10 Wikosid (ur), Dark Deep Dawn (4th), 14 Daring Class (ur), Brynhill Alert, 20 Crazy Horse Dancer (6th), 33 Furry Loch (f). 10 ran. 20l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, 20l. K Bailey at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £8.40; £2.00, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £7.20. CSF: £12.79.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, ROWHEDGE (S Curran, 16-1); 2, Lustreman (W Marston, 9-2); 3, Bondaid (K Comerford, 1-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Imperial Flight (4th). 4 ran. 1¾l, 2½l, dist. Miss J Doyle at Newbury. Tote: £16.40. DF: £19.50. CSF: £62.90

3.45 (2m 7f ch) 1, COPPER MINE (J Osborne, 3-1); 2, Tri Folene (R Dunwoody, 6-4 fav); 3, Gala's Image (S McNeill, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 OK Corral (pu), 20 Clares Horse (4th), 50 Abbreviation (ref), Sirisat (6th). 7 ran. Nk, 25l, 5l, 30l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £3.50; £2.20, £1.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £7.65.

4.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, CLASSIC CONTACT (J Supple, 9-4 fav); 2, Crews Castle (S Smith Eccles, 11-4); 3, Jalore (R Greene, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Silvercross Lad (4th), 16 Classical Blue (5th), 20 Premier Major (pu), My Sparkling Ring (6th), 100 Mash The Tea (pu). 8 ran. 2½l, 3l, 20l, dist, 2l. N Mason at Whitburn. Tote: £3.50; £1.20, £1.20, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £8.58.

4.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, LITTLE TOM (J Kavanagh, 9-4); 2, Kitlinger (Peter Hobbs, 9-2); 3, Corrardar (Mr J Smyth-Osbourne, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav River House (pu), 10 Bluechipenterprise (4th). 5 ran. NR: Flying Ziad. 4l, 7l, 30l. J King at Swindon. Tote: £3.30; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £5.10. CSF: £11.15.

Placepot: £2,405.60.

☐ Enharmonic, ridden by Michael Hills, gave the Queen her first winner in Spain when winning the £57,554 Premio Gobierno Vasco at San Sebastian on Sunday evening. Enharmonic runs next at Baden-Baden later this month.

☐ Press Baron, a half-brother to Zafonic, made a winning debut at Clairefontaine yesterday.

☐ Bill Elsey's Linpac West (Gary Hind) contests the listed Prix de Reux (1m 4f 110yd) at Deauville this afternoon.

City prepares to run up flag as port of call for tour



Andrew Longmore reports on a rare voyage to British shores by the leading event in cycling

On July 7, 1994, Portsmouth, once the home of the Royal Navy, will claim the title of Britain's unofficial city of cycling. It will deserve the accolade, too, if 3,500 assorted competitors, officials, mechanics, aides, doctors, PR people in a calvacade of 1,000 cars, mobile advertising hoardings and milk floats — which make up the modern Tour de France — can travel the roads of Hampshire without mishap or a stirring of the ancient rivalries on which much of Portsmouth's history is based.

With 11 months to go, as a more manageable herd of cyclists was shepherded away from Portsmouth on the first leg of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain yesterday, preparations for the moment of truth are already well advanced. Deep in the civic chambers of Portsmouth City Council, committees, sub-committees and working parties are busy hammering out the details of the show-piece event in the celebrations next year to mark 800 years of the city's royal charter and the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day.

A city engineer has been seconded to the tour project for three months, the route has been approved by the organisers for both technical merit — "gently undulating" was the slightly patronising description — and aesthetic content, an important consideration for an event becoming as much travelogue as sport, and John Bagnall, the former PR manager of the Sex Pistols, has already begun to explain to the locals why a sum approaching £1 million will be spent on luring a foreign bike race to town to stop the traffic.

A field of riders followed by some oversize boxes of Rice Krispies yesterday represented a simple training exercise for Inspector Tony Ennew, who will not solve a crime until after he has successfully co-ordinated traffic plans and road closures next summer. But the departure of the Kellogg's tour added a further line to the city's growing reputation for staging international cycling events, first laid in the late Eighties with the Scottish Provident city centre series.

Luck, judgment, history, geography, economics and an uncanny ability to get cyclists, triathletes and marathon runners in positions of civic power have all played their part in forming the alliance.

"We have a ready-made interest in cycling in the area and can rely on a good pool of volunteers, not just cyclists, but joggers, weightlifters, anyone." Syd Rapson, the chairman of the city council's leisure services committee, said. "The city also has an ideal run-in along the sea front, which provides magnificent views for spectators and a safe finish for the riders, and it's a good stage for attracting the business community, at home and overseas. Cycling is a European sport and we are promoting ourselves as a gateway to the continent."

The decline of the naval base has prompted huge investment in the tourist industry. Eight thousand jobs have been created and income from tourism has risen from £50 million to £300 million a year since 1984. Sport contributed about £3 million to the pool in 1992 and, if the estimates of the research department prove correct, the Tour de France will bring a ten-fold return on the city's investment. "That's what we like to call it. Investment not cost," David Knight, the city's head of leisure, said. "In the short term, people will visit the city who will not otherwise have come. They might come back. In the long term, we are creating a positive image and showing everyone what we have here.

"If people are thinking of moving their companies here they want to know about the infrastructure. Roads, schools, hospital provision. But they are also interested in an indefinable quality of life and sport is one of the areas they look at. Over the past few years, we have built up a good network of contacts in cycling, so the word gets out that we can do the job with style and substance." Cycling is environmentally sound as well. The city has recently applied to the European Commission for a grant to build more cycle routes.

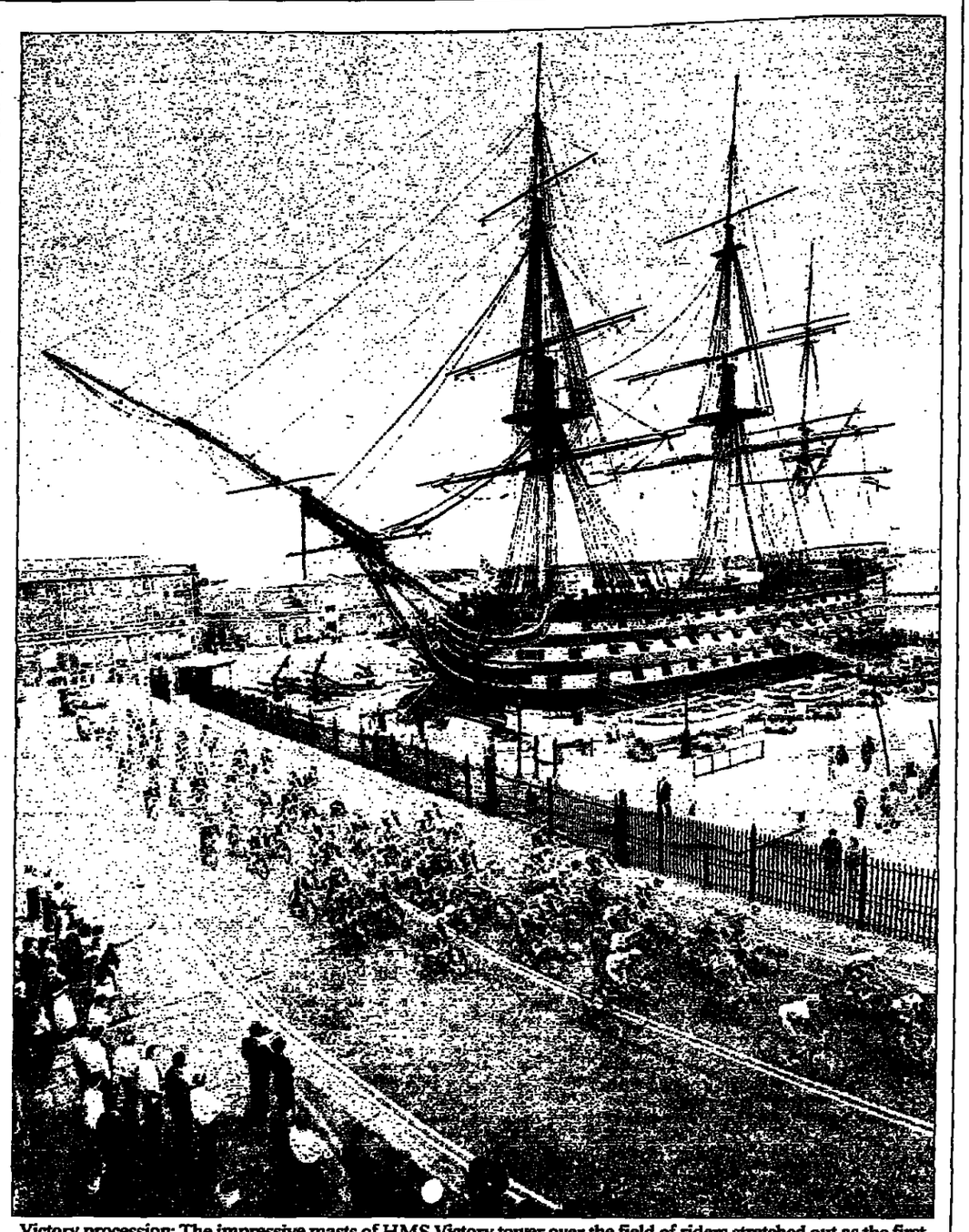
For Alan Rushton, managing director of Sport for Television, the promoters of the Tour de France in Britain, Portsmouth and the surrounding area satisfied almost every criteria for hosting a stage, the only one on the tour next year which will start and finish in the same place.

"There is a big travel element in the tour these days. Scenic helicopter shots of beautiful countryside and good sites are part of the show," Rushton said. "It's vital for the town, too. Portsmouth may have a famous football team, but that doesn't show off the geography and the nature of the place in the way cycling can."

It is no coincidence that the route of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain meanders past HMS Victory, Stonehenge and several stately homes before arriving in Liverpool next Friday, nor that every little town and village in France is dying to pay £100,000 for the privilege of being included on the itinerary for the next Tour de France.

Though divided politically, the council is united in its commitment to sport and even the people seem sold on the idea, for the moment at least. They even mustered a fair degree of enthusiasm for a low-key race round the city centre on Sunday.

"Nothing will be gained by saying what a good Kellogg's tour Labour put on. We just want to put over the message that Portsmouth can do it," Rapson said. But, until the whole circus has safely left town on July 8, no one, least of all the chairman of the leisure committee, is prepared to breathe too easily. "We just can't afford an expensive cock-up."



Victory procession: The impressive masts of HMS Victory tower over the field of riders stretched out as the first leg of the Kellogg's Tour of Britain gets under way in Portsmouth yesterday. Photograph: Michael Powell

Lillywhite seizes initiative

CHRIS Lillywhite, the Milk Race winner, took the sprinter's jersey in the 105-mile opening stage of the Kellogg's Tour from Portsmouth to Bath, yesterday, but Phil Anderson, of Australia, raced to overall victory.

Lillywhite, the Banana cyclist, made his escape just after the first climb of the day — Portsdown Hill, only five miles from the start — and within ten miles was 1min 22sec clear of the field. The Walton-on-Thames rider stretched his lead to a maximum 5min 15sec as he approached Eastleigh, after 24 miles.

As the field reacted, the gap narrowed to 35 seconds, but Lillywhite stayed out in front until he was joined just before the 50-mile mark by a fellow Briton, John Tanner, of the Neilson-Tivoli team, and Danny Verelst, of Belgium.

Tanner got a puncture after 52 miles, but after Lillywhite had taken the Salisbury sprint he and Verelst waited for their companion and the three worked well together to gain a six-minute lead by Stonehenge, after 65 miles.

They were finally reeled in at 77 miles but Lillywhite had done enough to take the sprinter's jersey.

Anderson, the overall 1991 winner, riding for Motorola, was fastest in the first stage as a group of five contested the uphill finish.

RESULTS: First stage (Portsmouth to Bath, 105.3 miles): 1, P Anderson (Aus, Motorola), 4:33:01; 2, W Belli (It, Lampre-Polti), same time; 3, B Namtvedt (Nor, Subaru), at 2sec; 4, H Imboden (Switz, Mecair), same time; 5, F Lemarchand (Fr, Gan), at 5sec; 6, J Svorada (Cz, Lampre-Polti), at 14sec; 7, H Frison (Bel, Lotto), 8, F Andreu (US, Motorola); 9, P Van Roosbroeck (Bel, La William-Duvel), 10, E Schurer (Hol, TVM), all same time.

OVERALL CLASSIFICATION (with bonuses): 1, Anderson, 4:32:51; 2, Belli at 4sec; 3, Namtvedt, at 8sec; 4, Imboden, at 12sec; 5, Lemarchand, at 15sec; 6, Svorada, at 24sec.

TODAY'S STAGE: Cardiff to Swansea (117.4 miles).

Sussex bar route to Lord's for Richards

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

SENTIMENT is so significant a feature of cricket lore that a Glamorgan defeat in today's NatWest Trophy semi-final at Hove, will disappoint many people beyond Wales. In the winter of his career it is widely hoped that Vivian Richards will return to Lord's next month for one last hurrah.

The death on Sunday of his father, Malcolm, can only provide Richards's teammates with an additional reason for wanting to reach the final on September 4. Two weeks later, Richards, who flies home to Antigua on Thursday for the funeral, brings down the curtain on his decorated career.

In an ideal world that final would align Glamorgan with Somerset, where he spent 13 seasons before the infamous double sacking in 1986 which separated him and Joel Garner from the club, Ian Botham leaving in support. After years of rancour, matters have settled down. Somerset honoured Richards with life membership in May and the personalities who clashed with him are no longer there. Instead, under Bob Cottam, a good young side is taking shape.

Cottam also has fish to fry. The team Somerset must beat to reach Lord's is Warwickshire, where he was cricket manager as recently as 1990. Although there is a new captain in Dermot Reeve, the side is essentially the one he assembled.

Warwickshire, who must make do without Allan Donald, were good enough to beat Middlesex four years ago when Reeve became the only player to win man of the match awards in the final for two counties, his first accomplished for Sussex in 1986. Which completes the circle.

The comfort with which Sussex put Northamptonshire out in the quarter-finals indicates that Glamorgan's confidence will be tested today. Nonetheless the feeling persists that Glamorgan will banish the ghosts which haunted Hampshire's house for so long, and win a one-day final at long last. In cricketing terms, no less than sentimental ones, a Somerset-Glamorgan contest has an appropriate ring to it.

Testing initiation for latest possessor of pinless grenade



Simon Barnes sympathises with Mike Atherton as he encounters the press after England's defeat

The England captaincy is one of the worst jobs in sport, and it has diminished virtually every man who has held it for the past 15 years. Mike Brearley is a rare exception: and one might also exclude Graham Gooch, for even in defeat his personal performances were immense.

Now the pinless grenade has been passed to Mike Atherton, 15 years Gooch's junior. Yesterday he gave his first post-losing-Test-match press conference. I wonder how many more of these he will give.

Allan Border gave his 82nd post-Test-match conference as captain, and what is more, he was a winner. Relaxed, affable and mellow, he was a model of self-assurance. The contrast with Atherton was stark.

In the face of all the television cameras, the photographers, the tape recorders, the notebooks, the hungry, questioning faces, Atherton looked for a moment young, vulnerable and absolutely *tharn*. Tharn? It is an expression in rabbitspeak from *Watership Down*, and it means the state of a rabbit caught in the headlights of a speeding car.

"I enjoyed myself. I enjoyed the Test match," he said. "It was a sharp fielding performance. We showed some battle." All the same, it is hard to give a self-assured performance when you have just heard that the man mainly responsible for giving you the job has just walked the plank.

Ted Dexter's hurried resignation has left Atherton exposed. A losing Test captain is one of the most vulnerable figures in sport. Like Gooch before him, he had some small compensation in personal performance: "I didn't feel any pressure on my batting. I enjoyed it."

Captaincy is a mysterious business. Border gave an elaborately Australian view: "Captaincy is about how well the other guys play around you, and having a good bit of luck." But if your bowlers are incapable of bowling a side out for less than 400 even with an 80 for four start, you are going to need luck in industrial quantities.

That counts double when your vice-captain and wicketkeeper muffs the stumping chance that would have made it 80 for five: it is on such small, dramatic moments that five-day cricket matches turn. Atherton was defensive: "It was a hard stumping, and specialist wicketkeepers also make mistakes."

But my mind went back to that delicious moment in the third Test of the winter in Bombay, when Atherton and Alec Stewart were marooned at the same end, each nonchalantly leaning on his bat. It was a vignette of the struggle for the captaincy of England. The umpire sent Stewart back to the pavilion, to his total disbelief.

In India, Atherton's stock had plummeted. He was ill for the first Test, and bizarrely left out of the second, while Stewart strutted his stuff as captain, for Gooch was struck down by the demon prawn of Madras. Stewart had even got out of the debilitating task of keeping wicket for the last two Indian Tests.

It seemed then that Stewart was in the ascendant, and that he had imposed his will on the entire England set-up. Gooch's successor was as good as appointed.

Now Gooch is gone as captain, his work ethic values under question, and with them, his ever-sweating-if-ever-so-slightly-iron-gloved lieutenant. But as Atherton gathered the reins, so Dexter, his principal backer, also disappeared. Nothing is safe and secure in England cricket now: the captaincy least of all.

Ahead lies the West Indies: a traditional destroyer of England captains. Ask Botham and Gower. If I were Stewart, I would hang tough and wait for the traumas of the Caribbean to destroy the hopes and the future of my principal rival ... knowing that the following summer holds Tests against New Zealand and South Africa.



Lost for words: Atherton scratches around for the right answers. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Bowlers stunned as Speight hits out

HOVE (final day of four)
Sussex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by nine wickets

BEFORE Martin Speight arrived briskly on the scene, there was some doubt that, what with the weather and Bill Athey's reluctance to hit the ball off the square, Sussex would achieve their third victory in the championship. But there was no need for concern. The skies lightened and Speight was at his most audacious. Receiving 40 balls he made 71 runs, leaving Worcestershire in a state of shock.

Speight entered when Sussex had made 79 of the 167 runs they needed. The departing Lenham had made 55 and he had made them well. But 23 overs had already been lost to rain and the weather was unpromising. Speight left nothing to chance. Hardly playing himself in, he unleashed an assault on each and every bowler.

His play is scarcely Comptonesque. Speight is more cudgel than rapier. But you thrilled to the onslaught in the same way as you did with Compton, and even the great man can scarcely have dominated a competent county attack more completely.

With Benjamin injured, the Worcestershire bowling lacked real pace. But the fast-medium Weston, for instance, was three times driven high over the mid-wicket boundary for six. Two such blows came in an over which yielded 18 runs. Speight chose to demonstrate the reverse sweep in the same over, as if bored by the semi-orthodox.

Speight, an artist of distinction in watercolours and oil, would do well to forget that surrealistic side to his batting, the reverse sweep. He does not need it. It is self-indulgent in a man of his talent and eye for a ball.

Before Speight there were stout resistance from the Worcestershire tail as they added 44 for the last two wickets, a classic leg break from Salisbury to wrap up their innings, nine crisp fours from Lenham and Athey's dour defence. But now, all Sussex eyes are on today's NatWest semi-final and hopes will be high that Speight has not fully exhausted yesterday's rich vein.

Afford makes breakthrough

BY GEOFFREY WHEELER

ALTHOUGH reduced to three regular bowlers because of injuries to Chris Cairns and Michael Field-Buss, Nottinghamshire still managed to bowl out Yorkshire for 220 at Trent Bridge yesterday to win by 115 runs and improve their chances of championship prize-money.

Having reduced Yorkshire to 101 for eight in mid-afternoon, Nottinghamshire were held up by a ninth-wicket stand of 105 between Craig White, who made an unbeaten 74, and Jeremy Batty.

With Chris Lewis and Kevin Evans understandably tiring, it looked as if Yorkshire might escape until left-arm spinner Andy Afford broke through by removing Batty soon after he had completed his maiden championship half-century. Afford ended with figures of five for 77, passing 50 wickets for the season in the process.

Rain at Canterbury prevented Kent making a start on attempting to reach the target set them by Surrey, 303 in an hour and three-quarters plus 20 overs. Surrey badly needed to win the match to stay in contention in the championship. They are now 43 points behind Middlesex with five games to play.

In the morning, David Ward took his Saturday score of 69 to an unbeaten 151, his highest of the season, made off 240 balls with two sixes and 20 fours. He put on 104 in 21 overs with Alistair Brown, unbeaten with 45 when the declaration was made.

By the time the weather relented at Durham, there was no hope of a result. Derbyshire took batting practice, their acting captain, John Morris, scoring 83 to advance his aggregate to 532 from his last five innings. Adrian Rollins and Matthew Vandrau provided Steven Lugsden, a 17-year-old fast medium bowler, with his first championship wickets.

☐ Roshan Mahanama completed his third Test century before Sri Lanka's match with India in Colombo ended in a draw. India winning the three-match series 1-0. Sri Lanka, 96 behind on the first innings, made 352 for six at their second attempt, Mahanama scoring 151 from 362 balls from which he hit 19 fours.

The South African side will arrive on the island tomorrow to start their tour.

YESTERDAY'S CRICKET SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Surrey

CANTERBURY *(final day of four): Kent (5pts) drew with Surrey (6)*

SURREY: First Innings 464 (A D Brown 141, D J Bicknell 119, D M Ward 81; M A Ealham 4 for 100, C Penn 4 for 121).

Second Innings

D J Bicknell c Fulton b Patel	81
P D Atkins c Fulton b Penn	5
D M Ward not out	151
*M A Lynch hit wicket b Hooper	2
A D Brown not out	45
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 8)	21
Total (3 wkts dec)	305

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-194, 3-201.

BOWLING: Penn 12-0-37-1; Ealham 5-0-33-0; Hooper 31-6-105-1, Patel 31-7-108-1; Fleming 6-1-8-0.

KENT: First Innings 467 (T R Ward 141, C L Hooper 81, M R Benson 81, M Ealham 54; J E Benjamin 5 for 111).

Umpires: V A Holder and A A Jones.

Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire

TRENT BRIDGE *(final day of four): Nottinghamshire (23pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by 115 runs*

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 316 (C L Cairns 92, W A Dessaur 62)

Second Innings 259 (P Johnson 101; R D Stemp 6 for 86)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 240 (K P Evans 6 for 67)

Second Innings

*M D Moxon b Lewis	3
A P Grayson c Evans b Lewis	14
R D Stemp c Evans b Lewis	12
R B Richardson c Evans b Afford	5
D Byas c Pollard b Afford	0
†R J Blakey c Pollard b Afford	22
C White not out	74
P J Hartley c Lewis b Evans	6
D Gough b Evans	3
J D Batty c Robinson b Afford	50
M A Robinson b Afford	4
Extras (b 2, lb 7, nb 18)	27
Total	220

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-29, 3-38, 4-36, 5-48, 6-74, 7-97, 8-101, 9-206.

BOWLING: Lewis 24-3-84-3; Evans 16-4-39-2; Afford 31.2-9-77-5, Dessaur 2-0-11-0.

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder

Sussex v Worcestershire

HOVE *(final day of four): Sussex (24pts) beat Worcestershire (4) by nine wickets*

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 253 (T S Curtis 107, M J Weston 51)

Second Innings

*T S Curtis b North	28
M J Weston c Smith b North	59
G A Hick c Moores b North	21
D B D'Oliveira c Smith b Hemmings	17
D A Leatherdale b Hemmings	14
S R Lampitt c Smith b Hemmings	18
†S J Rhodes c Moores b Salisbury	32
P J Newport b Giddins	65
C M Tolley c Moores b Giddins	10
R K Illingworth not out	24
K C G Benjamin c Wells b Salisbury	9
Extras (b 14, lb 9, nb 2)	25
Total	337

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-65, 2-111, 3-116, 4-142, 5-167, 6-174, 7-243, 8-293, 9-300.

BOWLING: Giddins 13-0-69-2; Law 14-3-38-0; North 17-7-32-3; Lenham 10-1-26-0; Hemmings 43-15-61-3; Salisbury 28.2-6-88-2.

SUSSEX: First Innings 424 (A P Wells 133, C W J Athey 81, M P Speight 72, D M Smith 58, C M Tolley 4 for 90).

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Illingworth b Weston	55
C W J Athey not out	32
M P Speight not out	71
Extras (b 2, lb 7)	9
Total (1 wkt)	167

FALL OF WICKET: 1-79.

Bowling: Newport 7-0-31-0; Tolley 12-6-19-0; Illingworth 7-3-15-0; Lampitt 10-3-29-0; Weston 8-1-36-1; Hick 4.3-0-29-0.

Umpires: G A Stickley and P B Wight.

Durham v Derbyshire

DURHAM UNIVERSITY *(final day of four): Durham (6pts) drew with Derbyshire (7)*

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 322 (F A Griffith 66, A S Rollins 92, R W Sladdin 51 not out, S J E Brown 4 for 68)

Second Innings

P D Bowler c Graveney b Cummins	5
*J E Morris c Hutton b Cummins	83
C J Adams c and b Brown	5
A S Rollins c Scott b Lugsden	35
I G S Steer not out	37
M J Vandrau b Lugsden	11
†K M Krikken not out	4
Extras (lb 2)	2
Total (5 wkts)	182

R W Sladdin, S J Base and O H Mortensen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-33, 3-115, 4-148, 5-164.

BOWLING: Cummins 17-5-44-2; Brown 11-3-40-1; Graveney 7-1-24-0; Lugsden 12-1-43-2; Berry 15-7-28-0; Parker 2-0-2-0; Hutton 2-1-1-0.

DURHAM: First Innings 399 (P Bainbridge 78, S Hutton 57, G Fowler 54; O H Mortensen 5 for 55)

Umpires: H D Bird and R A White

Third Test match

Sri Lanka v India

COLOMBO *(fifth day of five): Sri Lanka drew with India*

SRI LANKA: First Innings 351 (P A de Silva 148, A P Gurusinha 56, H P Tillekeratne 51)

Second Innings

R S Mahanama c Chauhan b Prabhakar	151
U C Hathurusinghe c sub b Raju	22
A P Gurusinha c sub b Kumble	35
P A de Silva c Kambli b Kumble	2
*A Ranatunga c Tendulkar b Prabhakar	13
H P Tillekeratne c and b Kumble	86
S T Jayasuriya not out	31
Extras (b 6, lb 4, nb 1, w 1)	12
Total (6 wkts)	352

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-142, 3-144, 4-157, 5-289, 6-352

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 24-11-33-0, Prabhakar 31-14-58-2; Kumble 38.2-7-108-3; Raju 27-5-68-1, Chauhan 33-5-76-0.

INDIA: First Innings 448 (V G Kambli 120, M Prabhakar 55, M Azharuddin 50, M Muralitharan 4 for 136)

Umpires: B C Cooray and P Manuel.

Man of the match: R Mahanama (Sri Lanka)
Man of the series (India): M Prabhakar
Man of the series (Sri Lanka): P A de Silva.

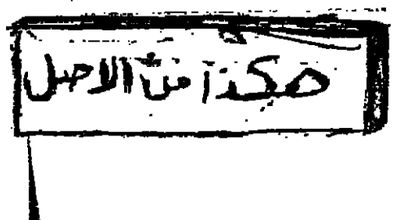
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Shrewsbury: Dorset 242-4 dec (T W Richings 102, J A Claughton 58) and 231-9 dec (Richings 61, G D Reynolds 51); Shropshire 206-7 dec (A D Breakwell 67; V J Pike 4-56) and 271-3 (K Sharp 136 not out, M R Davies 90) Shropshire won by 7 wickets.

TABLE

	W	L	T	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middx (11)	12	9	0	3	27	43	214
Glam (14)	12	7	3	2	24	39	175
Surrey (13)	12	6	3	3	26	47	171
Northants (3)	11	6	3	2	21	39	156
Notts (4)	12	5	3	3	22	44	164
Kent (2)	13	4	3	6	31	43	138
Somerset (9)	11	5	5	1	15	35	130
Worcs (17)	12	4	4	3	18	35	125
Essex (1)	12	3	4	5	37	38	123
Warwicks (6)	12	4	5	3	17	40	121
Leics (8)	11	4	5	2	17	39	120
Lancs (12)	11	4	5	2	26	25	117
Yorkshire (16)	11	4	3	4	13	36	113
Derbys (5)	12	3	5	4	24	40	112
Sussex (7)	12	3	6	3	22	37	107
Hants (15)	11	3	4	4	22	32	102
Durham (18)	12	1	7	4	19	37	72
Glouca (10)	11	1	9	2	14	35	65

Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire, 8pts for tied match

1992 positions in brackets



BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (82923)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (44618316)
9.05 Clowning Around. Episode one of an eight-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (9188497) **9.25 Why Don't You . . ?** (r) (s) (8931120)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1091478) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3089045) **10.25 Get Your Own Back.** Children's game show (r) (s) (9010045) **10.45 The O-Zone** (s) (8886584)
11.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (8478565) **11.05 Carol and Co** American comedy drama (s) (6757836) **11.30 Come Dancing.** London North v London South (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8132)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5787720) **12.05 Man on the Rim: Into the Deep Freeze.** Dr Alan Thorne visits people who have learned to live in the frozen wastes (6781818) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (71426126)
1.00 News at One with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (26294) **1.30 Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s) (80163652)
1.50 Cricket: NatWest Trophy. Live coverage of one of today's semi-final matches (s) (55582590)
4.00 Tom and Jerry Double Bill (3907805) **4.10 Juniper Jungle** (r) (s) (7507869) **4.20 Sssports.** A look at the Turkish sport of oil wrestling. (Ceefax) (2096107) **4.35 Run the Risk** (r) (s) (3173687)
5.00 Newsround (2362403) **5.10 Tomorrow's End.** Episode nine of the 13-part science fiction drama (r). (Ceefax) (3942836)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (574687). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with John Humphrys and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (565)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (395). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Bobby Davro – Rock With Laughter. The comedy impressionist is joined by Duncan Goodhew and the Grumbleweeds. (Ceefax) (s) (3652)



The Cotton club: Nick's secret family (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. Nick Cotton is unaware that Dot knows about his girlfriend Zoe and their nine-year-old son. With John Altman, Elizabeth Chadwick and Rossi Higgins. (Ceefax) (s) (229)
8.00 The Good Life. Comedy about self-sufficiency is suburban Surbiton (r). (Ceefax) (2300)
8.30 May To December. Age-gap comedy (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8107)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1039)
9.30 Ruby's Hit and Run. Ruby Wax hitches a ride from an eccentric friend, visits a stately home and ends up being painted by an artist (r) (44039)
10.00 French and Saunders with their own version of *Gone with the Wind* (r). (Ceefax) (s) (90720)
10.30 Film: Weird Science (1985) starring Kelly Le Brock, Anthony Michael Hall and Bill Paxton. Fantasy comedy about two teenage computer buffs who feed the gatefold of a girlie magazine into their PC and out pops the adolescents' dream. Directed by John Hughes (60316). **Northern Ireland:** Soccer — IFA Charity Shield 11.10 Greenfingers 11.40 Ulster in Focus
12.00 Cricket. Highlights from today's two NatWest Trophy semi-finals (s) (21121)
1.00am Weather (4108237). Ends at **1.05**
2.15-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (478324) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (84527)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (8281774)
8.00 Breakfast News (4081381)
8.15 Ghostwriter. Episode two of the five-part drama (r) (s) (1645497) **8.40 Collecting Now.** A look at how silverpoint drawings are done, the advantages of acrylic paints and how master miniatures stand up to high magnification (r) (4435045)
9.00 Film: A Dangerous Profession (1949, b/w) starring George Raft, Ella Raines and Pat O'Brien. Drama about a former policeman, now a bail bondsman, who is approached by an old flame asking him to put up the money to release her husband, in prison on embezzlement charges. When the husband is found dead the bondsman begins a murder investigation. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff (1747300)
10.20 Cricket. Live coverage of both of today's 60-over-a-side NatWest Trophy semi-finals. Sussex play Glamorgan at Hove and Somerset entertain Warwickshire at Taunton (59932478)
12.50 Canvas. Bill Thompson admires J.M.W. Turner's *The Fighting Temeraire* and visits the cottage where the artist worked on the painting (r) (85193836)
1.05 Fireman Sam narrated by John Alderton (r) (84856565) **1.15 The Family Ness** (r) (47399854)
1.20 Cricket. Further live NatWest Trophy semi-final coverage from Hove and Taunton. Includes **News** and weather at **2.00, 3.00** and **3.50.** 1.20-4.30 (32851687) 4.20-7.25 (26477861)
7.30 Spies, Stings and Double-Crosses. Jeremy Adams reports on the man who, allegedly, fixed an arms deal between South Africa and loyalist paramilitaries in Northern Ireland. He gained the confidences of both parties but it is now believed that he was a British double agent (671)
8.00 Nature: Badlands. (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (3382)
8.30 Far Flung Floyd. The garrulous gourmet continues his exploration of Oriental cuisine by sampling that of West Malaysia. (Ceefax) (6749)
9.00 Quantum Leap. Unusual American science fiction drama series starring Scott Bakula as a time-trapped scientist. This week he goes back to 1958 and into the body of an archaeologist excavating a pharaoh's tomb which contains a mummy's curse. (Ceefax) (s) (763372)
9.45 Storm From the East: Birth of an Empire. (Ceefax) See Choice (532861)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (194565)

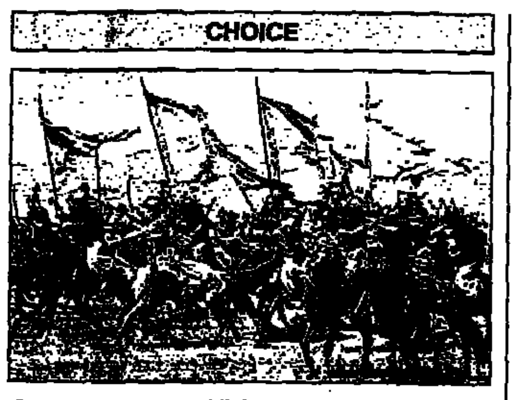


Adspeak: Nabil Shaban's Richard III (11.15pm)

11.15 Over the Edge: Descant on Mine Own Deformity. (Ceefax) See Choice (245923)
11.55 Weather (960010)
12.00 Jewish Enigma: The Promised Land. Filmed in Jerusalem, a look at the interests, aspirations and consequences of Jews returning to live in their homeland (12782). Ends at **12.30am**

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CHOICE



Charge of the Mongol light cavalry (BBC2, 9.45pm)

Storm From the East
BBC2, 9.45pm

Eight hundred years ago, the commentary informs us, Europe awoke to a terrible army which suddenly appeared out of the Eastern mists. We are talking about the Mongols and Genghis Khan and this four-part series tells their story. Genghis Khan was played in the cinema by Omar Sharif but he usually comes across as a mixture of Stalin and Hitler. The people of Mongolia may see him differently and thanks to glasnost they are starting to rediscover a past which communism tried to suppress. *Storm From the East,* however, is no exercise in revisionism. Its account of Mongol subjugation of China and central Asia, in which countless thousands were arbitrarily slaughtered, makes the Bosnian tragedy seem like a squabble in a school playground.

Rear Window: The Choir, the Passion and the Song
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A report from Flint in north Wales *shows how that* incomparable Welsh institution, the male voice choir, *has helped to provide a focus* for a community devastated by industrial decline. The coal mines are closed and the steel works run down and unemployment has been as high as 40 per cent. One of the former steel workers says the choir is a microcosm of how things used to be, reviving the old sense of culture and identity. The conductor is Rodney Jones, a good Welsh surname though he sounds like an Englishman. Perhaps he is. Flint is near the border and the choir is not too proud to recruit from across it. Nor is there any chauvinism about this all-male team. Wherever the choir goes, the wives go too.

Nature: Badlands
BBC2, 8.00pm

The environmental series comes up with a frightening report about the nasty things under our houses and the huge bills we may face to put them right. It is estimated that there are 100,000 sites in Britain contaminated by industrial debris. In the Midlands a family was forced to move from a house that had been built on a rubbish tip and had dangerous levels of methane gas. They have no legal remedy. In Leeds householders face bills of up to £7,000 each to rid themselves of asbestos. A government proposal for a register of contaminated land was dropped after opposition from developers. But without such information it is difficult for intending house buyers to know what they are letting themselves in for.

Over the Edge: Descant on Mine Own Deformity
BBC2, 11.15pm

The purpose of David Hevey's playlet is to look at how charity advertising represents disability. His idea is to bring back William Shakespeare to recycle his plots in 1990s adspeak. Thus we have modern versions of Titus Andronicus and the armless Lavinia, the blinded King Lear, the epileptic Julius Caesar and the crippled Richard III whose "descant on mine own deformity" provides the title. It is an ingenious notion, carried through with wit and invention, though perhaps a little too clever for its own good. The point is well made that disability has traditionally been linked with evil. But Hevey's solution, to make Richard III into a goodie, seems strange.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4108958)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5607861) **9.50 Cartoon** (2341923) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2340294)
10.00 Swamp Fox. Disney adventure series (4368519) **10.55 ITN News** headlines (6766584)
11.00 James Bond Jr (6849861) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw.** Game show (6746720) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9384671)
12.00 Cartoon starring Donald Duck (7752478) **12.10 Wizadora.** Children's puppet series (r) (2503861)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8167687) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (84956519)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Teletext) (866294) **1.45 A Country Practice.** Medical drama (s) (865565)
2.15 The Earth Dwellers' Guide. The third of a six-part environmental series presented by Anne Davies (953774) **2.45 Families** (s) (3567039)
3.10 ITN News headlines (1216316) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1215687) **3.20 The Young Doctors.** Drama series (2830923)
3.50 Fraggle Rock (r) (1163836) **4.00 Rubbish – King of the Jumble** narrated by Alexei Sayle (s) (2001039) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (2179652) **4.40 Children's Ward** (r). (Teletext) (3047872)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2352316)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (191403)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (23590)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (8720)
7.30 Inside Crime. The first of a new series in which John Taylor and Fiona Oates look at the causes of the rising crime rate (s) (497)
8.00 The Bill: Desirable Property. A number of burglaries on the Sun Hill manor have one thing in common — the houses have all recently been up for sale. (Ceefax) (4768)
8.30 The Cook Report. Roger Cook turns his attentions to the shady world of real-life Arthur Daleys (9403)

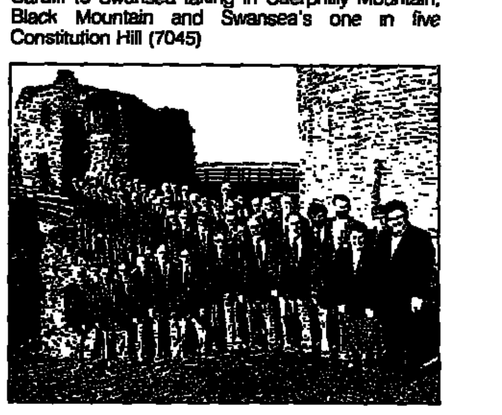


To the rescue: Peppard and Raffin (9.00pm)

9.00 Night of the Fox. The first of a two-part second world war drama, to be shown on consecutive nights, based on the novel by Jack Higgins, about a British colonel with knowledge of the D-day landings who falls into the hands of the Germans in Jersey. Before he is made to spill the beans, an Allied plan is hatched to spirit him off the island — or to eliminate him if that proves unfeasible. Starring George Peppard, Deborah Raffin and David Birney (r). (Teletext) (1359) Continues after the news
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (98316) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (650949)
10.40 Night of the Fox continues. Concludes tomorrow night (667316)
11.30 Prisoner: Cell Block H (70213)
12.30am The Little Picture Show (40275)
1.30 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 93. Includes highlights from the New England 200 (18633)
2.00 Film: No Problem (1975) starring Miou-Miou. French black comedy about the problems that arise for a woman when a stanger forces his way into her apartment and drops dead at her feet. Directed by Georges Lautner (58343)
4.00 The Beat introduced by Gary Crowley (r) (s) (32527)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (32237)
5.30 ITN Morning News (17237). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff (1148942) **6.45 Ovide** (1361497)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (12045)
9.00 Saved By the Bell. American high school comedy drama (r) (30215)
9.30 Star Street. Animated adventures of signs of the zodiac characters (r) (2000671) **9.55 Hammerman.** Cartoon (r) (2181590) **10.25 Pugwall** (r) (2351300)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part two of *The Red Sea Sharks* (r) (7982756) **11.20 The Henderson Kids.** Australian family drama (r) (6858519) **11.50 The Lion's Den** (b/w). A silhouette short based on Hugh Lofting's jungle story (7212942)
12.00 High 5. Extreme sports' action (95229)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (52749) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak.** Cartoon adventures of a musical duck (r) (49584)
2.00 Film: The Great Waltz (1938, b/w) starring Fernand Gravet and Luise Rainer. Musical biopic of Johann Strauss which won an Oscar for Best Cinematography. Directed by Julien Duvivier (106774)
3.55 The Secret Life Of . . . Tim Hunkin on cars (r). (Teletext) (9205045)
4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (710)
5.00 Oprah Gold. Oprah Winfrey's guest are people who have accidentally killed other people when driving under the influence of drink (r). (Teletext) (7329768)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Young children's entertainment narrated by Nigel Planer (616403)
6.00 Mork and Mindy. American comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber (r) (403)
6.30 Roseanne. Wisecracking domestic comedy from Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (s) (855)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (420584)
7.50 Comment. Richard North complains that the British meat industry is being threatened by bureaucracy (612854)
8.00 Free for All. Christine Manning, a mother of three, opposes plans to open a new Gracewell Clinic, which treats child sex offenders, in her area (5010)
8.30 Cycling: Tour of Britain. The all-Welsh stage from Cardiff to Swansea taking in Caerphilly Mountain, Black Mountain and Swansea's one in five Constitution Hill (7045)



A cultural microcosm: Flint choir (9.00pm)

9.00 Rear Window: The Choir, the Passion and the Song. See Choice (715120)
9.45 Four-Mations: Winners. Joanna Quinn's *Girls' Night Out* — a humorous look at Welsh factory girls, led by Beryl, at a male strip show — and *Fatty Issues,* Candy Guard's lighthearted look at slimming (r) (847107)
10.00 Film: Stranger in the Family (1991) starring Neil Patrick Harris and Teri Garr. A made-for-television drama about a promising 16-year-old student who suffers amnesia after being involved in a car crash. Directed by Donald Wyre (Teletext) (s) (929584)
11.50 Dream On. Adult comedy series about the love life of a divorced New York publisher (r). (Teletext) (s) (110923)
12.25am Four-Mations: Winners. Joanna Quinn's *Body Beautiful* in which Beryl does battle with the factory foreman (r) (2352940)
12.40 Mel Lewis and the Jazz Orchestra in concert at the Smithsonian museum during the late 1980s (r) (6131411). Ends at **1.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Anglia News (84956519) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2352316) **6.00** Home And Away (988132) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (740565) **7.30-8.00** Countrywide (497) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (650949) **12.25am** Film: First Affair (675643) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (7980275) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (6667091) **4.05** On The Live Side (18660459) **4.30** Riviera (81091) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (32237)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.05pm Central News (84956519) **1.15** A Country Practice (866294) **1.45-2.15** Home And Away (865565) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2830923) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2352316) **6.00** Home And Away (988132) **6.25-7.00** Central News (740565) **7.30-8.00** Heart Of The Country (497) **10.30-10.40** Central News (650949) **11.30** Kojak (799774) **12.25am** Film: They Got Me Covered (381966) **2.10** The Big E (7981904) **3.05** Sport A.M (8909459) **4.05** Jobfinder (2797850) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9982546)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV News & Weather (84956519) **6.00** HTV News (881) **6.30-7.00** Secrets of the Moor (213) **7.30-8.00** See How They Ran (497) **10.30-10.40** HTV News & Weather (650949) **12.25am** Film: First Affair (675643) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (7980275) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (6667091) **4.05** On The Live Side (18660459) **4.30** Riviera (81091) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (32237)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News & Weather (84956519) **6.00** Wales At Six (881) **6.30-7.00** 4 x 4 (213) **7.30-8.00** Challenge Of The Seas (497) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News (650949)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Meridian News & Weather (84956519) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2830923) **5.37-5.40** Boredom Busters (6133316) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (881) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (213) **7.30-8.00** A Tale Of Four Cities (497) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News & Weather (650949) **11.30-12.30pm** Magnum (70213) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.05pm Tyne Tees News (49199836) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (42349359) **2.15** The Earth Dweller's Guide (953774) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (563687) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (213) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (497) **10.30-10.40** Tyne Tees News (650949)

ULSTER
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 UTV Live (84956519) **3.20-3.50** The Munsters Today (2830923) **5.00-7.00** UTV Live At Six (23590) **7.30-8.00** School Around the Corner (497) **10.30-10.40** UTV Live (650949) **11.30** Island Son (799774) **12.25am** Film: First Affair (675643) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (7980275) **3.10-4.05** The ITV Chart Show

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.05pm-1.15 Westcountry Latest (84956519) **1.45** The Young Doctors (865565) **2.15** The Earth Dweller's Guide (953774) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **3.15** Westcountry Latest (1215687) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2830923) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (23590) **7.30-8.00** The Champions (497) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (650949) **12.25am** Film: First Affair (675643) **2.15** The Little Picture Show (7980275) **3.10** The ITV Chart Show (6667091) **4.05** On the Live Side

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Calendar News (2340294) **11.55-12.00am** Calendar News (9384671) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84956519) **2.15** The Earth Dweller's Guide (953774) **2.45-3.10** Families (3567039) **3.15-3.20** Calendar News (1215687) **5.55** Calendar (583687) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (213) **7.30-8.00** Love And War (497) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (650949) **11.30** The 291 Club (70213) **12.30am-12.55** Comedy Tonight (1169324) **12.55** The Little Picture Show (5686275) **1.55** Sledge Hammer (5041324) **2.25** 60 Minutes (1311237) **3.20** Countdown (8998343) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (7187782)

S4C
Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (12045) **9.00** Saved By The Bell (30215) **9.30** Star Street (2000671) **9.55** Hammerman (6327774) **10.20** Pugwall (3082132) **10.45** The Adventures Of Tintin (4468720) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (2471667) **11.35** Sandokan (8353667) **12.05pm** High 5 (8435010) **12.30** Sesame Street (52749) **1.30** Profiles Of Nature (49584) **2.00** Film: My Favourite Spy (909478) **3.40** Oprah Gold (2879039) **4.30** Happy Days (710) **5.00** Countdown (6126) **5.30** The Real World (590) **6.00** Newyddion (268300) **6.10** Heno (844720) **7.00** Jacpot (2590) **7.30** Resio (888) **8.00** Ond Y Broblem Yw (5010) **8.30** Newyddion (923565) **8.55** Rasus (130590) **9.45** Tour Of Britain (760671) **10.15** The Golden Palace (752652) **10.45** Sound Stuff (999381) **11.45** Sean's Show (757107) **12.15am** Free For All (8712256) **12.40** Bloody Bosnia: Opinions (5344459) **1.10** Bloody Bosnia Artists For Bosnia (9997968)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am Cartoons (1310887) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1272720) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (87786382) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (79749) **10.00** Card Sharks (6371403) **10.25** Concentration (7120213) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (8618869) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (54478) **12.00** E Street (48381) **12.30pm** Three's Company (73565) **1.00** Falcon Crest (61720) **2.00** The Immigrants (39294) **3.00** Another World (3295316) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5342213) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2565) **6.00** Games World (9107) **6.30** E Street (6687) **7.00** Rescue (3294) **7.30** Full House (2671) **8.00** Murphy Brown (2942) **8.30** Designing Women (8749) **9.00** Civil Wars (24213) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (27300) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (78871)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (49774) **6.30** News and Business Report (172010) **9.30** ABC Nightline (73519) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (19687) **11.30** Business Report (46519) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (13403) **1.30** CBS This Morning (14132) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (48316) **3.30** ABC Nightline (51107) **4.30** News and Business Report (9584) **5.00** Live at Five (780768) **7.30** Live at Five (4823) **9.30** Target (43107) **11.30** CBS News (39519) **12.30am** ABC News (55121) **1.30** CBS News (39968) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (78804) **3.30** CBS News (40121) **4.30** Target (82546) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (62701)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (3903687)
10.00 Fire, Ice and Dynamite Roger Moore stages a sporting marathon (77381)
12.00 Oh, Heavenly Dog! (1980): Chevy Chase is reincarnated as a dog (43497)
2.00pm 40 Carats (1973): A widow has an affair with a younger man (18652)
4.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): A family is cast adrift in a life raft (7497)
6.00 Fire, Ice and Dynamite (as 10am) (59836)
8.00 The Godfather Part III (1990) Al Pacino stars in Francis Ford Coppola's epic gangster drama (96790381)
10.50 Nico (1988): Chicago policeman Steven Seagal battles against government corruption and a drugs ring (48782687)
12.30am Futurekick (1991): Meg Foster hires martial arts expert Don Wilson to find her husband's killers (73188)
2.00 La Cage aux Folles 2 (1980): Camp comedy about homosexuals (579256)
3.50 The Ambulance (1990). Eric Roberts and Red Buttons investigate mysterious disappearances (340492). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Boom Town (1940, b/w): Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy vie for the attentions of Claudette Colbert (98836)
8.00 The Island of Dr Moreau (1977). Adaptation of H.G. Wells's novel (93381)
10.00 Hair (1979): John Savage encounters the hippy culture in 1960s New York (460381). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Another Time, Another Place (1958): Wartime romantic drama with Lana Turner and Barry Sullivan (83316)
8.00 Rob Roy: Animated tale (45519)
9.00 Around the World in 80 Days: Adaptation of Jules Verne's story (43590)
10.00 Top Cat and the Beverly Hills Cats. Cartoon with the wily felines (75923)
12.00 One, Two, Three (1961): Billy Wilder comedy starring James Cagney (41039)
2.00pm Xanadu (1980): Olivia Newton-John plays the goddess of dance (16294)
4.00 Rob Roy (as 8am) (86565)
5.00 Around the World in 80 Days (as 9am) (1403)
6.00 Star Trek – The Next Generation: Unification (1991): Captain Picard investigates Spock's peace treaty with the Romulans. With Patrick Stewart (59818)
8.00 Bad Attitudes (1992): Children stow away on a luxury private jet (10923)
10.00 Miami Blues (1990): Alec Baldwin embarks on a crime spree (183855)
11.40 Bright Angel (1991). Dermot Mulroney offers a ride to Lili Taylor (285687)
1.15am The Monk (1991) Sophie Ward seduces Paul McGann (973508)
3.05 Warm Summer Rain (1989). Kelly Lynch and Barry Tubb spend a week together (3831968). Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (3828316) **7.15** Prime Bodies (691942) **7.45** Sports Special (890213) **8.15** Soccer News (4218294) **8.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor (18749) **9.00** Prime Bodies (96359) **9.30** Jack High Bowls (95519) **10.30** ATP Tennis (68316) **12.30pm** Monday Night Football (86039) **2.30** Ringside Superbouts (82774) **3.30** Volleyball (51652) **5.00** Cycle League (8300) **5.30** Baseball (2836) **6.00** Soccer News (167534) **6.15** ATP Tennis (41471213) **8.00** Watersports (43687) **9.00** The Footballers' Football Show (59923) **10.00** Soccer News (819584) **10.15** Baseball (179590) **12.15-1.15am** Pool (665898)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (15128) **8.00** Scandinavian Golf (68774) **10.00** ATP Tennis (30403) **12.00** Eurogoals (33590) **1.00pm** Atlas Rally (46010) **2.00** Basketball (82590) **3.00** Waterskiing (34126) **4.00** Sailing (19861) **5.00** Eurogoals (3403) **6.00** Eurofun (7395) **6.30** News (8497) **7.00** Tennis (16855) **9.00** Boxing (57519) **10.00** Snooker (33497) **12.00-12.30am** News (42578)

UK GOLD
7.00am The All-New Popeye Show (1081215) **7.30** Neighbours (2536300) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1601768) **8.30** EastEnders (1600039) **9.00** The Bill (1797519) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (1315010) **10.30** Casualty (2505942) **11.30** Rhoda (8289497) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1604855) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5408768) **1.00** EastEnders (2431756) **1.30** The Bill (5407039) **2.00** Clarence (1958126) **2.30** Bread (9425120) **3.00** Dallas (8283213) **4.00** Dynasty (8262720) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1949478) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (1320756) **6.00** Neighbours (4570279) **6.30** When the Boat Comes In (8279010) **7.30** Clarence (4875823) **8.00** EastEnders (1034590) **8.30** Bread (1957497) **9.00** Casualty (1069590) **10.00** The Bill (1605584) **10.30** Life Without George (1787132) **11.00** Top of the Pops (8672229) **11.35** Dr Who (1632720) **12.05am** Film: Vivacious Lady (1938, b/w) starring Ginger Rogers and James Stewart (6480558) **1.40-2.00** Video Bites (71945091)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (13855) **7.00** Babar, Mask (3573805) **7.55** Ratkan II (3679854) **8.30** Hammerman (54519) **9.00** Pugwall's Summer (65671) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (92213) **10.00** Chocky's Challenge (48519) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-Man (61855) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (77855) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (78584) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (92636) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (72010) **1.30** Gravedale High (95300) **2.00** Adventure (6132) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (5132) **3.00** Babar (2021687) **3.25** Ratkan II (4691720) **4.00** Bobobobs (3584) **4.30** The Guys Next Door (9768) **5.00** Fifteen (4584) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (3720) **6.00-7.00** Fame (71720)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Literature Masculine Women and Feminine Men
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: Rossini (String Sonata No 3 in C); Widor (Organ Symphony No 6 in G minor, Finale); Milhaud (La création du monde): J.S. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Mozart the Keyboard Virtuoso Rondo alla Turca, Sonata in A, K331; Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K452; Piano Concerto No 15 in B flat, K450
10.00 BBC Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Lazarev performs Dutilleux (Timbres, Espace, Mouvement), Ravel (Piano Concerto in G: Dmitri Alexeev); Debussy (Nocturnes); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé, Suite No 2)
11.40 Prom Artist of the Week: Shura Cherkassky plays Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D664)
12.00 Music Restored. Malcolm Proud, harpsichord, performs Couperin (Ordre No 22 in D), Bach (Prelude and Fugue in A minor, BWV 894); Scarlatti (Sonatas in D, K490-492) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka performs Puccini (Preludio Sinfonico); Viotti (Violin Concerto No 22 in A minor: Dong-Suk Kang); Casella (Paganiniana, Op 65)
2.10 Vega Wind Quintet performs Holst (Quintet in A flat, Op 14); Malcolm Arnold (Divertimento, Op 37); John McCabe (Quintet Postcards); Paul Patterson (Comedy for five winds)
3.10 Dussek Piano Trio Michael Dussek, piano, Peter Tanfield, violin, Margaret Powell, cello performs Haydn (Piano Trio in C, H XV 27); Fauré (Piano Trio in D minor, Op 120) (r)
3.55 BBC Concert Orchestra under Winston Dan Vogel performs Charles Wakefield Cadman (Symphony No 1 in E minor, Pennsylvania)
4.30 Changing Times: Max Easterman presents a new series in which he looks at developments in jazz up to the 1940s. In 1926, record companies switched from acoustic to electric recording, benefiting listeners and arrangers such as Don Redman (1/6)
5.00 In Tune: Charles Hazlewood presents music, news and arts
7.30 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, London. The Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra under Claus Peter Flor performs Beethoven (Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage); Mendelssohn (Symphony No 5 in D, Reformation). **8.10** Michael Oliver talks to Jim Samson about the life of Szymanowski. **8.30** Bartók (Piano Concerto No 3); Szymanowski (Symphony No 3, The Song of the Night)
9.40 The Man with Night Sweats: Thom Gunn reads poems from his latest collection (r)
9.50 Eric Parkin, piano, plays Falla (Quatre pièces espagnoles); Chopin (Three Mazurkas, Op 50); Barber (Souvenirs, Op 28)
10.45 Strange Meeting: Russell Davies considers the work of the poet Wilfred Owen (r)
11.30 Vienna-Born: Ulster Orchestra under Peter Hirsch performs Johann Strauss, son (Emperor Waltz); Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished); Zemlinsky (Sinfonietta)
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.43** Off the Rails: Written and read by Lisa St Aubin de Teran **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Leslie Thomas in a Novel Setting (FM only): The author explores villages around Heathrow airport, the setting for *Arrivals and Departures*
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): I Samuel. Read by Robert Powell (2/5) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Karen Deco considers whether children born in the late summer suffer from disadvantages at school. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts
12.00 You and Yours, with Michael Collie
12.25pm Hoax! Tim Brooke-Taylor returns with a new series of the panel game. The audience has to decide whether Anthony Shaffer, Dulcie Gray or Bernard Cribbins is telling the tallest story **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre: It's Better to Travel, by Marianne Carey. Lizzie slaves in the kitchen to find the right recipe to spice up her marriage to Ron. With Grace Glover and Andy Gray (r)
2.30 The Tingle Factor: Barry Wordsworth, who will conduct the last night of the Proms, talks to Jeremy Nicholas about his favourite music
3.00 Walston Goes Walkabout: Oliver Walston travels from Minnesota to Seattle
3.30 Punters with Susan Marling
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to Helen Schell, Bristol cathedral's artist in residence; reviews the latest paperbacks; and meets the author Giles Gordon
4.45 Short Story: Offensive Behaviour, by Susan Maguire. Read by Joyce Deans
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Charity Ends at Home, by Colin Watson. The second of a six-part dramatisation by Christopher Denys (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Unlawful Entry: See Choice
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Doctor in the Alps: David Been explores Switzerland, with the help of John Forbes, the Victorian physician
8.45 In Touch visits a body language course for the blind
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Andrew Wood **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: 1955, by Alice Walker. Read by Whoopi Goldberg (2/3)
11.00 The Radio Programme, presented by Laurie Taylor (r)
11.30 The Gardening Quiz: Stefan Buczacki quizzes captains Irene Thomas, Norman Painting and guests (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Unlawful Entry. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*
Stuart Simon's plain man's guide to electronic crime reveals how far it extends beyond the computer hacking that, in the popular imagination, has given it a reputation as a purely intellectual pursuit. "Plastic fraud" alone is costing the banks £150 million every year. Simon's brief is to find out why large businesses are failing to report serious losses through white-collar crime; why the law's teeth are not sharp enough to bite back; and why society is making light of this threat to international business and communications.

Mr McGlinn's New Beginnings. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
For John McGlinn, American conductor, musicologist and incurable purist, it is just like listening to Mozart with added saxophones. He has had his fill of stage musicals to whom contemporary arrangers have given new suits of clothes that fit them badly. He has therefore set about restoring favourites such as *Showboat* and *Kiss Me Kate* to the state in which they flowed from the composers' pen. In this, he has been helped enormously by the discovery of a vast number of dusty boxes in a New Jersey warehouse.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow from the Hoe, Plymouth **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Intimate Contact with Julian Clary (r) **9.00** The Atlantic Records Story **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Billy Bunter Stories **7.15** Comedy Bookcase: Fenella Fielding reads from *Cold Comfort* by Stella Gibbons and *Vile Bodies* by Evelyn Waugh (r) **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Mr McGlinn's New Beginnings: See Choice **10.00** The Capitol Story **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** A Field of Devils, by Michael Butt (2/3) (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Cup Cricket. NatWest Trophy semi-finals **7.30pm** Talking Poetry **8.00** Cult Radio **9.30** X Minus One **10.10** Earshot with John Cavanagh **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: The End of the Affair **5.45** On Screen **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** The Essential Guides to Music **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** New Ideas **8.50** Artists in a Nutshell **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Concert Hall **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Mightier Than the Sword **10.30** On Screen **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Pop Science **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Megamix **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 1 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The End of the Affair **3.45** Arabian Sounds **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Megamix **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Concert Hall **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Omnibus **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Poems by Post **2.45** Country Style **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Development '93 **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D: Nigel Kennedy) **3.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Opera Guide with Hugh Macpherson **8.00** Evening Concert: Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor; The Seasons) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

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Chairman of England's cricket committee bows to clamour for resignation

Dexter departs after latest defeat

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TED Dexter yesterday added his name to the casualty list of English cricket's calamitous past 12 months. Two weeks after the fall of his captain, Graham Gooch, Dexter resigned his role as chairman of the England committee. Many reasons will be advanced for his going; the most pertinent is that he had lost his credibility.

Dexter, whose contract worth around £30,000 a year extended to next March, would have faced concerted pressure to resign from a group of county chairmen next Tuesday at a meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB). The irony is that this movement was generated by Chris Middleton, who is unlikely to see out the year as chairman of a bankrupt Derbyshire.

Dexter, 58, had to go because nobody believed in him any more. His input at lower levels of national cricket, worthy and often hidden from view, was unappreciated within the clamour for success at Test level. Under mounting criticism from public and media, some of it malicious and much of it a misinterpretation of his wide-ranging role, Dexter concluded his position was untenable.

During more than four years of office, Dexter presided over 44 Tests, of which England won nine and lost 21, 11 of them to Australia. They were two hours away from the last of those defeats when Dexter's decision was made known, though perversely it had not been made known to the captain, Michael Atherton. "I am sorry he feels he has got to go," Atherton said. "I'm not aware of the reasons so I cannot comment further."

Dexter's duties will officially cease at the end of the month, probably after he has confirmed Atherton as captain for the winter tour to West Indies. He will have no say in the selection of the tour party, now likely to be done chiefly by captain and manager.

Speculation has already inevitably begun about the identity and job description of Dexter's successor. It is an appointment the board is unlikely to rush. M. J. K. Smith, the chairman of Warwickshire and a man with time to devote to the cause, is a strong favourite. Micky Stewart and Ossie Wheatley are plausible contenders and there is a possibility that Wheatley's present post, as chairman of the TCCB cricket committee, could be merged to produce one coherent position.

There is no immediate threat to the team manager, Keith Fletcher, although the length of his contract and his miserable record to date will be debated next week.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the board, explained: "We have known since before the first Test that Ted would not be seeking re-election. He has now come to the conclusion that it is best to make the break earlier. It was his wish that the decision should be made known today."

"Ted has been wondering about his position for some time," Smith said. "He is a sensitive person. The team played very poorly at Headingley and I think that was a key factor in his decision, because he was always motivated by how the team was doing."

Smith stressed that there was no question of Dexter having been asked to go. For the officers of the board, it is harrowing to see the power base of the national team in disarray; to sack the chairman on the day a new captain lost his first game in charge would have been masochistic.

There will be counties, next week, which propose the scrapping of the England committee, set up under Dexter's auspices early in 1989. Their case will be that it has failed in its ultimate aim of producing a strong national team and, on the evidence of eight defeats from nine Tests during 1993, they would be right. But as Smith said yesterday: "I don't think 1992 was a disastrous year, nor 1991 or 1990. This has been a very disappointing year, that's obvious. But although our system is not perfect, I am personally satisfied that the England committee is working."

Dexter, who captained England in 30 of his 62 Tests between 1958 and 1968, was to some degree a victim of his personal high profile within a job he elected to make low profile. The most glamorous cricketer of his generation, a face and voice well known, he could hardly expect to operate quietly in the background. People wanted to know what Dexter thought of every Test match and, because many perceived his brief to be simply chairman of selectors, they also expected him to be present every day.

This was not how he intended to do the job and, to his credit, he was never swayed from his vision. He attended the first three days of each Test, travelled to watch the senior, A and under-19 teams for sections of overseas tours and attended more than 50 committee meetings each year, often fighting the corner of the England team against more parochial arguments from the shires.

More than once, he made well-intentioned efforts to deflect criticism from his captains and managers by intervening with his own comments to the media. Invariably, he would find the initiative ridiculed for a remark taken out of context. There are several things, in the past few years, he will wish he had not said and yet, until recently, he still privately conveyed an enjoyment of his position. "It has given my life a focus," he said once, and he will certainly not wish to lose touch again. "I could be like a Cabinet minister retiring to the back benches," he suggested of his future. "I know how things work and I could be of use."

It is possible he now regrets one of the first comments he made when the chairman's position was offered to him. "Everything I have done in life has prepared me for this job," he said. He was, however, not quite prepared for the relentless, unforgiving scrutiny. When asked yesterday what qualities the board would be seeking in Dexter's successor, Alan Smith responded quickly: "A very thick skin."

Captain backs youth, page 34



Position untenable: Dexter took office with high hopes of success but England have won only nine of 44 Tests under his direction

TED DEXTER

Playing career: Cambridge University 1956-58, Sussex 1957-68 (captain 1960-5), England 1958-68 (captain 1961-4). England captaincy record: won 9, lost 7, drawn 14.

Chairman of selectors: March 1989-August 1993. England's record: Played 44, won 9, lost 21, drawn 14.

Series-by-series

		P	W	L	D
Australia	1989	6	0	4	2
W Indies	1989-90	4	1	2	1
N Zealand	1990	3	1	0	2
India	1990	3	1	0	2
Australia	1990-1	5	0	3	2
W Indies	1991	5	2	2	1
Sri Lanka	1991	1	1	0	0
N Zealand	1991-2	3	2	0	1
Pakistan	1992	5	1	2	2
India	1992-3	3	0	3	0
Sri Lanka	1992-3	1	0	1	0
Australia	1993	5	0	4	1
Totals		44	9	21	14

Forty-four players appeared for England under Dexter. The following played most often: R A Smith (42), G A Gooch (38), A J Stewart (31), R C Russell (30), M A Atherton (28), D E Malcolm (24), A J Lamb (23), P A J DeFreitas (21), C C Lewis (20), D I Gower and G A Hick (17), P C R Tufnell (15)

Gaffes which led to early departure

TED Dexter made almost as many headlines for what he said as for the things he did or did not do. Some of his more memorable remarks included:

September 1988: A few months before being appointed as chairman of the selectors, he wrote in the *Sunday Mirror*: "If you've been hit in the face by a wet fish, you will know how I have been feeling ever since Graham Gooch voiced his opinion on the business of captaincy." A year later, Dexter named Gooch as England captain.

June 1989: Two months after Dexter took over, England suffered defeat against Australia at Headingley. Dexter was 200 miles away in his office. "While I was at the ground, Australia made 600 — so maybe there's a case for me not being there," he said.

August 1989: Dexter praised England's new fast-bowling discovery: "Who can forget Malcolm Devon?" he asked.

August 1989: After a 4-0 series defeat by Australia, he proclaimed: "I'm not aware of any mistakes I've made."

March 1990: Dexter arrived in the West Indies with England on the crest of a wave and in the taxi to Port of Spain, he heard that the score was 60 for six. "I presumed it must be England." It was, in fact the West Indians who were batting, but in the Test matches that followed Dexter's arrival, England lost twice.

February 1993: As England crashed to another Test defeat in Calcutta, Dexter made an ill-timed suggestion that the local smog might be affecting the England players' fitness.

June 1993: Back in England, the losing run continued: "The whole of our national sport is not doing very well. We may be in the wrong sign or something. Venus may be in the wrong juxtaposition to something."

July 1993: Dexter announced that the new England captain was Michael Atherton. It was, he said, a unanimous choice "except for dad, of course. Dad had plenty to say but he was loyal to the boy." Dad, Mickey Stewart, was less than happy to be so described and Dexter hastily apologised.

Diversion unable to camouflage the great divide

BY ALAN LEE

EDGBASTON (final day of five): Australia beat England by eight wickets

ENGLAND face the prospect of their heaviest home defeat in Ashes history if they are beaten in the final Cornhill Test at the Oval next week. The way things are placed, it is difficult to see how they can avoid it.

Australia won the fifth Test 20 minutes after lunch on the final day yesterday and although yet another crisis in the England camp has stripped them of the headlines and honour they deserve, nothing can camouflage their vast superiority.

Given the opportunity to claim that 4-0 was an unkind reflection of the series, Michael Atherton sensibly declined it. "The way we have played, that is about right," the England captain said. "There is a big gulf between the sides in terms of performances." If Atherton was feeling a sense of bewilderment that the man who appointed him less than a fortnight ago had now decided there was no point in continuing, he was entirely clear of mind regarding the state of his team. "We are in a difficult situation," he said. "Everybody realises that. We have to identify young players with two things, talent and temperament, and then show faith in them."

Quite rightly, Atherton pointed to the first day as the crucial phase of the latest game. "It has been the first innings where we have faltered all summer, and we should have had 100 more after winning the toss," he said. He knew, too, however, that there was a moment on the second day when salvation beckoned and his team spurned it.

Australia were 80 for four. They might have been 80 for five if a stumping had been taken. They totalled 408. Within this sequence lies the difference between these teams, not only this summer but throughout the last three series, in which Australia now lead by an aggregate of 11 victories to nil. Reverse the roles and England would have been buried.

Allan Border agreed. "When the ball's rolling for you, it's amazing how you get out of bad positions. If we had batted first and got 280, and they had been four down for 80, I think we would have got them out for under 200. That's the way it is when you're hot."

Border was in a mood to give further insights to the difference between these teams. "For an Australian," he said, "Tests against England are just the most important things in our lives. It's up to England to match that." By inference, he feels the shortfall is in desire as much as ability.

In paying a generous tribute to the man of the summer, Shane Warne, Border was also critical of the English method against him. "I would play him differently. I know that," he said with a grim smile. "I would be more adventurous. You haven't seen too many come down the wicket against him, have you?"

Warne and Tim May won the game for Australia on Sunday. Unsurprisingly, the English equivalent, Peter Such and John Emburey, could do nothing comparable when play began 15 minutes late yesterday, though briefly they threatened it.

Resuming at nine without loss in pursuit of 120, Australia quickly found themselves 12 for two. Taylor and Slater both falling to bat-pad catches by Thorpe at silly point.

England might have sensed a chance here but for the discouraging presence of David Boon. Having had his stream of centuries rudely interrupted by a first-innings nought, he was not about to fail again, and with Mark Waugh maintaining his blissful form, the rest was no more than routine.

There was little sign of turn for either England spin bowler and nothing resembling a chance was offered as Boon and Waugh extended their remarkable record of sharing a century stand in each Test of the series.

It ended with a trademark four from Boon, guided through mid-wicket with the minimum of fuss and provoking the now familiar victory songs in the Australian dressing-room. England may have a song of their own for such occasions; if so, they have probably forgotten the words.

EDGBASTON SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings: 276 (M A Atherton 72, J E Emburey 55 not out; P R Reiffel 6 for 71).

Second Innings: 251 (G P Thorpe 60; S K Warne 5 for 89, T B A May 5 for 82).

AUSTRALIA: First Innings: 408 (M E Waugh 137, I A Healy 80, S R Waugh 59).

Second Innings

		6s	4s	Min	Balls
M J Slater c Thorpe b Emburey — *Push to silly point*	8	—	1	42	41
M A Taylor c Thorpe b Such — *Pad-bat to silly point*	4	—	—	33	24
D C Boon not out	38	—	7	115	109
M E Waugh not out	62	1	6	108	87
Extras (b 3, lb 5)	8				
Total (2 wkts, 149min, 43.3 overs)	120				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 (Slater 8), 2-12 (Boon 0)

BOWLING: Bicknell 3-0-9-0 (2-0-6-0, 1-0-3-0), Such 20 3-4-58-1 (12-2-29-1, 6-2-12-0, 2.3-0-17-0), Emburey 18-4-31-1 (10-4-11-1, 5-0-17-0, 3-0-3-0), Illott 2-0-14-0 (one spell).

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Fifth day: Rain delayed start until 11.15. 50 in 83min, 24.1 overs. Lunch 95-2 (Boon 26, M Waugh 49) in 37 overs. 100 in 130min, 37.3 overs. Australia won at 1.58pm. M Waugh 50: 86 min, 71 balls, 5 fours, 1 six.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D R Shepherd; A G T Whitehead.

Match referee: C H Lloyd.

Man of the match: M E Waugh. Adjudicator: I M Chappell.

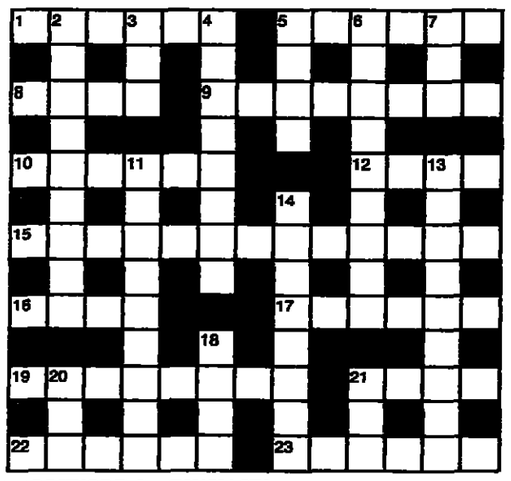
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By Philip Howard

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a. The South African bison
b. A prehistoric fish
c. An evergreen shrub

CHARE
a. Unwilling, surly
b. A narrow lane
c. An edible root

CRAW-CRAW
a. The New Zealand rook
b. A pustulous itch
c. Gambian porridge

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